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Tribunal will investigate loss by Crown **Agents**

The Public inquiry into the £200m losses of the Crown Agents will be conducted by a tribunal under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act, the Prime Minister said yesterday. He pointed out that that would prevent criminal proceedings against any witnesses. The tribunal's terms of reference have still to be decided.

Witnesses may be safe from trial

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary C Westminster Correspondent

the will of all parties in the House of Commons yesterday and accepted that the further and accepted that the further inquiry into the £200m losses of the Crown Agents should be held in public under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act, 1921. On Monday the House rejected government proposals to hold the inquiry in private, with no compel evidence. with no powers to

Mr Callaghan told MPs that the tribunal must identify those responsible for those deplorable responsible for the gave a warning that the appointment of a tribunal would effectively prevent criminal proceedings in future against any witnesses. Civil proceedings might also be affected.

His acceptance was welcomed in all parts of the House. Mrs Thatcher, the Opposition leader, wrged that the inquiry should be conducted by a High Court judge. Mr Callaghan indicated that many matters still had to be decided, including the tribunal's terms of reference. The Government had taken into account the proposals contained account the proposals contained in the report of the Royal Commission on Tribunals in 1966 under Lord Justice Sal-

Having read that report carefully, he said, it was clear hat it considered that in such ases a general immunity should be granted to witnesses. It would be difficult, he said, for anyone who had given evi-dence to secure a fair tried afterwards because of the facts and the conclusions reached.

Mr Steel, the Liberal Party leader, said the public would probably think it more important to get to the bottom of the matter than to ensure that one r two individuals spent some

Vir Callaghan said that the heed to protect individuals was the main reason why the Government had proposed the form

of inquiry that the House had

rejected.
The tribunal, he said, would be empowered to call any wit-nesses, including the Bank of Engkind, Treasury or any other government department. It would also have to consider whether individuals concerned with particular companies should be called.

It would have statutory powers to compel witnesses to arrend and give evidence and would ensure a judicial bearing would ensure a judicial bearing for those subject to criticism. It must also find a way to safeguard the legitimate rights of innocent people to have their reputations protected from public allegations, which might prove unfounded.

Salmon recommendations: One of the recommendations of the

Salmon recommendations: One of the recommendations of the Salmon commission in 1966, accepted by successive governments, was the amending of the 1921 Act to extend the immunity of an inquiry witness so that "neither his evidence nor statement to the Treasury Solicitor, nor documents he is required to produce shall be used against him in subsequent civil or criminal proceedings" except where he is charged with giving false evidence to the tribunal (a Staff Reporter writes). The Act, howevidence to the tribunal (a Staff Reporter writes). The Act, however, has not yet been amended. From a practical point of view, it added, the publicity surrounding a tribunal would in any case make a fair trial "virtually impossible".

The commission commented:
"No down this entails a risk!

"No doubt this entails a risk that a guilty man may escape prosecution. This would be unfortunate, but it is much more important that everything reaenable a tribunal to establish and proclaim the truth, about a matter which is causing a nationwide crisis of confidence

A tribunal of inquiry into the Poulson affair was resisted by Mr Heath, then Prime Minister, five years ago on the ground that witnesses would be virtually immune from prosecution later.

Parliamentary report, page 12 Tories to stage debate on Polish ship order

Parliamentary Correspondent

The Government is facing a dilemma over a Tory decision, anounced officially yesterday, to stage a debate on the Polish shipbuilding order. Conservatives, led by Mrs

Inaucher angrily cross-examined Mr Callaghan during his question time to try to find how the Government had secured the much sought-after order.

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury) maintained that a Watergate-type cover-up was biding huge sums of British taxpayers' money that had tempted the Poles, who, he said, had not been sked to put any money on the

A difficulty for the Conserva-rives is that Monday's debate all be in opposition time and bloom Nott, the Tory trade okesman will have to open fore Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, can disclose what was involved in the deal.

Mrs Thatcher did her best

yesterday on Mr Nott's behalf to obtain some figures, but Mr Callaghan told her that he was

unable to keep those compli-cated sums in his head. Another smaller difficulty for the Conservatives was that the debate would normally take place on a motion to adjourn.
But if the Government was defeated the House would immediately rise and the chance to decide before Christmas on the voting system for the European direct placifier. the European direct elections would be lost. So the Tory motion is expected to be for a reduction in Mr Varley's

salary. Mr Callaghan insisted yesterday that even if he had for-gotten the figures nothing needed to be concealed except on the ground of commercial

An early day motion calling on the Government to make public the financial details of the Polish shipping deal and to state the exact subsidy to be paid by the British taxpayer was tabled last night Polish order, page 21

Cover-up by Biko inquisitors condemned

The dishonesty of the South The dishonesty of the South African security police in telling doctors that Steve Biko was shamming illness when he had received a fetal blow or blews to the head abundantly demonstrated that they had "something discreditable to hide", Sir David Napley, past president of the Law Society, concludes in his independent report on the inquest. report on the inquest.

If, within the first few hours of the injury, the doctors had been given the full facts, Mr Biko might still be alive, he says. There was no doubt in his mind that the Black Consciousness leader died after injuries inflicted on him by one or more unidentified members of the security police.

of the security police.

Sir David attended the inquest in Pretoria as an independent observer at the invitation of the Association of Law Societies of South Africa. In his lengthy report, be finds a prima facie case of the police obstructing the course of justice to avoid a subsequent trial. The police cover up and their perfunctory investigation into Mr Biko's death come in for special criticism.

Sir David expresses concern over the behaviour of the Deputy Attorney General who clearly supported the police and doctors in space of his legal obligation to present a totally objective case.

While in agreement with the

While in agreement with the magistrate's finding that no particular individual could be said to be criminally responsible for Mr Biko's death, Sir David says be was demonstrably says he was "demonstrably wrong" in adding a rider that the injuries were probably sustained in a "scottle" at police headquarters.

No British jury would ever have accepted the evidence of the two chief police witnesses, he comments. One, Lieutenant Wilkin, taken off guard by a remark made by Mr Kentridge coursel for the relatives, showed in his eyes "a degree of vicious in his eyes "a degree of vicious-ness which I personally found to be terrifying".

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Labour Editor
The threat of a clash between
the miners and the Government
receiled yesterday when coalfield leaders reasserted their
power and brought the Netional
Union of Mineworkers into line
with the Cabinet's meome

As predicted in The Times two days ago, the NUM executive voted in London to ignore a secret pithead ballot rejecting local productivity schemes and to comply with the 12-month rule, which forbids any increase in basic wages for pitmen before March.

Left-wing leaders, consis-tently outvoted, are divided on-what to do now. The Yorkshire area, led by Mr Arthur Scar-gill, is threatening to seek an injunction preventing the intro-duction of local incentive schemes.

But other militant areas do

not want to go to law, preferring to wait until next year to mount a campaign for 90 per cent increases, in accordance with the policy decided at the union's conference.

The immediate prospect is

one of industrial peace in the pits. That will come as a

pits. That will come as a relief to ministers shaken by the October pithead poll, which narrowly rejected industry-wide implementation of self-financing

incentive schemes designed to give rises of up to £23.50 a week in return for higher output.

The National Coal Board will begin negotiations with areas asking for coalfield productivity

agreements: Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Lanca-shire, North Wales, the Mid-lands, Leicestershire, South

Derbyshire and Nottingham-shire. Those areas produce roughly half of the country's annual output of about 100 mil-

Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the coal board, said last night: "The union's decisions mean that we now have a good chance

By Peul Routledge Labour Editor

Miners' leaders vote

for 12-month rule



Dr Soares voted out of power From Jose Shercliff

Lisbon, Dec 8

The Socialist Government of Dr Mario Soares was voted out of power by the Portuguese Assembly of the Republic at 5.45 this morning. Dr Soares handed in his resignation to President Eanes this afternoon. His Government fell over a motion of confidence called for by the Prime Minister,

which was rejected. Basically he had asked the House for their confidence in the Government's negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a \$50m (about £27m) loan which would clear the way for large-scale international aid. The IMF's conditions call for measures to

to introduce their own produc-tivity schemes and 14 to 10 to accept the 12-month rule. Those figures coincide with the left-right division on the executive.

Mr Scargill said afterwards: "There are people who seem determined to maintain a

The Yorkshire area council will debate lirigation on the issue, but communist coalfield leaders such as Mr Michael Mc-Gahey, the Scottish president,

do not favour recourse to law. Instead, it seems that they will

The coal board will reply to the union's pay demand in January. But it has already ruled out

After a 44-hour debate, hich began on Tuesday, 100 which began on Tuesday, 100
Socialist deputies voted in support, but the other 159, of the
Social and Christian Democrat
parties, the Communists, one
Popular Democratic Union
deputy and six Independents
voted against. There were no

There was suspense to the last moment over the way the Communists would vote. Had they supported the Government they could have maintained it in power, but it is believed, with obligations to make con-

During the last hours of the debate, Dr Alvaro Cumbal, the Communist Party leader, con-ferred with the President.

Dr Soares's failure to find a platform of understanding between the opposition parties upon which to found a government of national salvation has largely been due to the fact that the Social and Christian

reduce Portugal's \$1.2m balance in any form of regotiation with of payments deficit by a third, the Communists.

After a 44-hour debate, Dr Freitas do Amaral, the

Liston, Dec 8.—President
Eanes today decided to go ahead
with a planned visit to West
Germany next week despite the
political crisis. At the same
time he has begun consultations

Dr Freitas do Amaral, the leader of the Christian Democrats, said he did not think it was possible for the President to persuade the political parties to form a coalition but "he must try to do so". Dr Artur Cumha Leal, of the Social Democratic Party, considered the whole matter "an episode in the democratic life of a people".

people".

President Eanes must now nominate a new Prime Minister, after taking advice from the Council of the Revolution, an advisory body, and the parties represented in Parliament. Dr Soares has stated that he would be willing to extend to form a be willing to attempt to form a new government if called upon "in the national interest".

aimed at forming a new govern-ment.—Agency France-Presse. Leading article, page 17

Callaghan backing for TV attack on Front

By Our Political Reporter
The Prime Minister implicitly backed the Labour Party's attack on the National Front in output and productivity. The next step is to negotiate at every point in the cualificities where we have been asked to implement the incentive scheme in a party political broadcast when he was questioned in the Voting in the NUM executive

Compons yesterday.

Although he said that there was no ministerial responsibility

Was Callege. for the broadcast, Mr Callag-han told MPs: "As I told the Labour Party conference, there will be no carefully weighed electoral consideration to be made by a switable ambiguous phrase by the political parties phrase by the political parties on these matters. Our opposition to racialism must be total."

Some semior ministers were full of praise for the programme lest night. They thought it was high time the whole argument was brought our into the open.

Conservative leaders, however, have their doubts determined to maintain a Labour Government in power rather than look after the interests of the miners." He said the decision taken by the said the decision taken by the executive, which went against both the July policy-making conference and the secret ballot, was totally unconstitutional, and added: "We are considering legal action." He declared that Yorkshire miners would insist on receiving as much as other miners in Britain. "There can be no compromise on that."

whether the broadcast, which was cur by the BBC on legal grounds, will improve race relations.

A Conservative backbencher.
Mr George Gardiner (Reigate)
said building up the importance of the National Front had
done it more good than all its past year.

The BBC vesterday rejected a National Front demand for the right of reply. An official said the rules did not allow it adding: "The Nacional Front will obviously get their chance to put their views when the story is covered by news and current affairs outlets."

Mr Martin Webster, national organizer of the National Front. Continued on page 2, col 3

The manic-depressive British eat like crazy

From Michael Leapman New York, Dec 8

Mr Kingman Brewster, the new United States Ambassador to London, thinks Britain is in "an almost manic-depressive situation." He explained why in a long interview published in the New Yorker.

look to a campaign to win £135 a week for face workers, £114 for others underground and f92 for surface workers early next year. Mr McGahey said: "A battle lost is not the end of the "There was a kind of all-is-lost, wee-is-me attitude in June and July and now, in the autumn, there is great emphoric optimism, neither of which, probably, is justified. I think it is important now not to over-estimate the optimism for there are an awful lot of unsolved problems.

any breach of the 12-month rule and unless the pay policy col-lapses as a result of industrial action by other workers it is * On the other hand, the country will get relief from eco-nomic pressure as a result of the North Sea oil. If somepractically certain that a settle-ment will be sought within the 10 per cent guidelines. one can figure out how to use The miners' leaders voted to give £5,000 to the Fire Brigades Union hardship fund. that not just for consumption but for capital modernization, ship fund.

then the people of this country will be in fine shape.

"They have such enormous energy resources. And their best resource is their intelligence. Or perhaps even more important than that are tradition, considerateness and moderation which are prevalent. In those terms, those fundamental those terms, those fundaments terms, I am really very optimis

Apart from that, what seems to have most impressed Mr Brewster, a former academic. about being Ambassador in London is the food. "The

London is the food. "The British ear like crazy", he declared, "particularly in the clubs and in the City.

"You go down to lunch in the boardroom at Lloyds or at any of the banks or newspapers, and you find they're really in competition with one another trying to see who can another, trying to see who can serve the finest food, including the best smoked salmon. It's marvellous if you like to eat, as I do, but you have to watch yourself."

Firemen given special guarantee on wages The Government has offered proof. At Catterick, a "second the striking firemen an "excep-wave" of servicemen are being

tional" guarantee of an agreed settlement proof against un-foreseen adverse changes in the economy. That would apply to new awards in 1978 and 1979. The Conservative Front Bench argued that the result represented a "time bomb" comparable with the occasion when civil servants' pensions were made inflation

instructed by experts from the RAF Regiment's airfield firefighting force. So far 7.000 troops have taken the short courses and 1,100 are due next week. The Home Secretary has blocked a pay claim by Britain's 63 chief fire officers that would have given phased increases totalling 22 per cent.

Airlines joint Concorde service from London to Singapore will start today despite Malaysia's refusal to give it air traffic control rights. It will be rerouted over Indonesia. The Indonesians have said they have

no objection to the Concorde

Tory time helps

European debate

A vote on how to elect MPs to

the European Assembly is expected next Tuesday after an apposition offer of extra time from a Supply day. Proportional representation is still expected to be rejected Page 2

Training policy

must succeed

training policy must succeed or industry risks having responsi-

bility for training its own workers. Mr John Monks, head of the TUC organization depart-ment, told an education confer-

Hope for boy: A boy of 12 with Down's syndrome is expected to get the mobility allowance he has been denied 2

d'Estaing opens new Metro link at the controls of a driver's

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Communists put Concorde beats Malaysia ban on pressure The British Airways Singapore

Italy's Communists, seeking a place in the Government, have served notice on the ruling Christian Democrats to recon-struct the administration in the coming weeks or face trouble. The Socialists and the Republican Party have already come out in favour of including the Communists in a coalition to replace the present minority administration Page 8

Greek request to British Museum

Greek experts, trying to pre-serve the Acropolis in Atheos from rapid decay, have asked for the return of an Ionic column on display in the British Museum. Removed to London by Lord Elgin in the last century, it supported a portico of the Erechthelon, which the Greeks now want reconstructed

Palestinians on Cairo mission Despite threats by the Palestine

Liberation Organization of death for any Palestinians visiting Egypt at present, a 96-strong delegation is leaving Gaza today to congratulate President Sodat in Cairo on his peace initiative

Owen warning on troop cuts

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, told the Nato Council in Brussels that the negotiations with the Warsaw Pact on troop reductions would lose all credibility unless some progress was made soon Page 8

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Pay grievances forcing Ulster troops to leave Army

On the eve of today's Commons debate on soldiers' pay, Interviews with Servicemen from two Ulster bases reflect widespread dissatisfaction. The Adjutant General says in 'Soldier' magazine that pay is lagging

From Christopher Walker

(Report, page 2).

behind civilian wages

Discontent with pay among british soldiers in Northern ireland is causing an unprecelented number to apply for disharge by purchase. It has left hose remaining in a mood of inger and frustration which has been little publicized because if military rules.

The full extent of the dilem- and firemen. at facing the Government is In addition, I understand that

been in the province since officers when he spoke at the October. Over the past five Adjutant-General's conference months 34 of the men have in London on November 30. applied for premature voluntary Similar "barracking" of gov-release, compared with a total erument ministers is predicted of 31 during the previous two for the future by army sources

In the same regiment the Increasing number of soldiers relying on state benefits is lery regiment by a promising regarded by senior officers as young lance-bombardier is typia reliable indication of the extent of the Army's worsening pay crisis. Of the 180 married men, a total of 61 were receiving rent rebates this month. In the case of gunners, the lowest-paid rank, the proportion was estimated at four fifths and several of those younger men also qualified for family income

supplement.

Ministry of Defence officials are aware or the growing unease about army pay rates in the province. Recently a confidential directive was sent to all units in Ulster ordering Servicemen not to discuss with the supplement.
Ministry of Defence officials men not to discuss with the press differences between sol-diers' pay and that of the police structure is complex it is gen-

eroment ministers is predicted

in Belfast. cal of many written since the unit arrived in Belfast: Sir, I wish to submit this my

Sir, I wish to submit this my application for discharge by purchase. I have come to enjoy the army way of life throughout my army service since 1971, but I can no longer enjoy the life any more because of my salary each month. With my wife expecting our second child, I will find it impossible for me to live in the

Although the Army's pay

apparent in official figures released vesterday at the Belfast State for Defence for the Army, hour. Because of the security regiment of 350 men which has serving in Ulster is 33p an serving in Ulster is 33p an hour. Because of the security encountered open hostility from difficulties, most men work many of the Army's most serving in Ulster is 33p an hour. Because of the security encountered open hostility from about 90 hours a week. In violent periods that may rise to 120 hours. Among the men interviewed

who were preparing to buy themselves out was an infantry sergeant with 10 years' service. He is 28, with two young chil-dren, and his take-home pay after deductions for quarters, gas and electricity is £47.58. ("The move will be a difficult one, but I have now decided to join the customs and excise", he said. "When they do extra work, unlike us, they get paid for it, and I have got to that stage in life when I feel I must start to save for a future."

The greatest worry being caused by the increasing numbers trying to leave the Army is the effect on efficiency and morale. "Politicians from either party who claim that morale is high are talking rubbish", an infantry major, aged 32, said. "It is adequate, and that is about all. The blokes are bloody angry and when I think of the number of good erally accepted that the average ones who want out, it turns me wage for an ordinary soldier groy."

Again and again during in terviews it was emphasized that the numover of younger so-called "three-year soldiers" was quickly eroding the central advantages of a prefes-sional army. "We are already virtually back at the National Service position", a captain in Andersonstown said. "On every

tour to Northern Ireland now, the men below the rank of corporal are newcomers." There was intense bitterness among all ranks because it was felt that no adequate machinery exists to express grievances. It was widely believed that sold-iers have no way of benefiting from the productivity claims being made by civilian workers Soldiers spoke angrily of recent pay demands by firemen, police men and journalists.

"Because of military discipline we have only three ways of making our case : courageous senior officers, our wives, and anonymous letters," a sergeant aged 29 declared. "More and more of us are beginning to ask what the generals are doing to make the feelings of their med .known."

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Princess Anne names her child Peter

Princess Anne has named her baby Peter Mark Andrew, Buck-ingham Palace announced last night. He will be christened in the music room at Bucking-ham Palace by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, at noon on Thursday, December

Among the godparents will be the Prince of Wales and the Right Rev Geoffrey Tiarks, a cousin of Captain Phillips and a former Bishop of Maidstone. who retired last year. The others will be friends of Prin-cess Anne and Captain Phillips: Captain Hamish Lochore, Lady Cecil Cameron of Lochiel, and Mrs Timothy Holderness-Rod-dam, formerly Miss Jane Bullen, a riding companion of the Princess.

Peter is Captain Phillips's second name and that of his father. The child has been called Mark after his father and Andrew after the Princess's brother. Princess Anne and Cantain

Phillips decided that the child, who is three weeks and three days old, should not have a certain to

allowance

will win the case.

for nearly 15 months.

make it a test case.

The minister's remarks were

made in an adjournment debate initiated by Mr Peter Walker,

Conservative MP for Worcester

who took up the boy's case when he discovered that the

Department of Health and Social Security was appealing against the award of the allow-ance and that it intended to

The boy, who is from Worces-ter, suffers from Downs syn-drome and will walk only a few yards. Mr Walker believed that

if the department succeeded in its appeal, to be heard next

week, many mentally handi-cappd children would be denied

the allowance even if their walk-ing was affected.

Mr Morris told the Commons

that there were serious mis-conceptions about the depart-

ment's attitude to claims for the allowance. It had appealed to the national insurance com-missioner against the award for Robert Edmunds to obtain a decision on an important point of law.

He said that the rules for claimants, specifying that they had to be unable or virtually unable to walk because of physical disablement, had led to inconsistent decisions from the 13 medical appeal tribunals that adjudicated on claims.

The appeal was essential to clarify the interpretation of the rules, which could now help any disabled people. Down's syndrome victims were not ex-

syndrome victims were not ex-cluded and many were already receiving the allowance.

If it was shown that the boy was not entitled to the allow-ance he (the minister) could certainly consider changing the criteria for entitlement "to in-clude him and children like him."

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point of law.

get mobility

Mr Morris, Minister for the Dis-

Government guarantees firemen settlement proof against adverse changes in economy

Political Editor

The Government, after a Cabinet meeting yesterday, dramatized its offer to the striking firemen by undertaking "exceptionally to guarantee" that an agreed settlement should be made proof against unforeseen changes in the economy.

That would apply to new awards phased in bith November, 1978, and November, 1979. Mr Rees, Home Secretary, announcing to the Commons that strengthening of what had been eight days ago only a proposal to consider, suggested that although the Government

would not budge now beyond its award of 10 per cent more pay, it would substantially concede later to the firemen all they had been asking. The Government was " prepared to see a defined relationship between the pay of the qualified fireman and that of

other workers" as part of a

new "formula for the proper

Further, the Government would agree to the full implementation of the formula in two roughly equal shares. The foresaw phasing in would not be thwarted by any unforeseen adverse change in economic circumstances.

By Donald Macintyre

than 22 per cent.

Re has told the employers' side of the national joint council for the fire service that the claim by the Chief Officers and Assistant Chief Fire Officers.

Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association is outside the Government's pay guidelines.

The local authority employers, the same group negotiating with the striking firemen, have been committed since 1975 to putting the chief fire officers on the same above levels as chief

same salary levels as chief officers of other council depart-

ments. The present claim seeks to achieve parity by a 2.7 per cent rise for nine months from October 1, followed by a rise of

July 1.

Other chief officers employed by local anthorities received a

rise of over 20 per cent in the spring of 1975 but plans to give

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Fire chiefs' salary claim

is blocked by Mr Rees

for settling the strike.

Mr Rees wanted the amounts left for negotiation. But after in Whitehall it was admitted that if the local authorities agreed to give the firmen what they asked for, namely average industrial wages plus 10 per cent, then the Government would be most unlikely to object. No figure was com-puted for the increase that that would give firemen next November but it would be very substantial

In Whitehall it was also being said that the Government certainly would like other public service workers to settle next year in such a phased fashion as if the stillborn phase three could be succeeded by a phase four.

Mr Whitelaw, for the Conservative Front Bench, wel-comed Mr Rees's objective but wanted a "no strike" under-taking from firemen in return. Mr Rees insisted that that would be unhelpful. Nearer to Mrs Thatcher's

thicking, however, was Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative MP remuneration of the fire serfor Waltham Forest, Chingford. He said Mr Rees had left "a time bomb ticking" with his guarantee, of the kind no one foresaw when inflation-proof pension had been given to one particular group in society (civil servants). Our Labour Staff writes: The

the chief fire officers an equiva-

All in all, for Mr Rees it union's executive will again this provided "an honourable basis" evening to consider Mr Rees's statement. The employers meet this morning to resume discussions on the formula.

Mr Terence Parry, the union's general secretary, who was given a rough outline of the Home Secretary's statement before yesterday's executive meeting, indicated that he would not comment on it until

It remains to be seen whether the guarantee to underwrite the formula in future, compared with the promise a week ago by the Prime Minister that such guarantee would be considered, will persuade the executive to test its members' atti-tude to sustaining the strike.

At best the executive would ference, required to end the strike unless the 30 per cent chain is met, without detailed informal soundings.

The most likely course would be a circular to branches for study on the picket lines giving details of the Government's commitments and the document from local authority leaders that the union hopes to have by this evening. Fire death: Mrs Alice MacNess,

an elderly woman living alone in Gordon Road, Finchley, north London, died in a fire at her home yesterday. Summonses alleging breaches of fire regulations were served on the Manor Hotel, Westcliff on Sea, Essex, where two child-ren died last week.

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RAF runs

From John Chartres Catterick

Labour Reporter

The Home Secretary has blocked a pay claim by the introduction of the £6 limit.

The reasoning behind the country's 63 chief fire officers claim is that spread over the phased increases totalling more than 22 per cent.

He has told the employers' side of the national joint country for the fire service that the cent limit. The association, whose mem-

bers' earnings range between £8,500 and £11,500 a year, is to hold an executive meeting next Thursday. An option that will be considered is the revival of a claim to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration

Service under schedule 11 of the Employment Protection Act, on the ground that earnings are below those paid for comparable jobs.

Mr Thomas Watkins, the association's secretary, who is chief fire officer for Darbyshire, said yesterday: "Our members are likely to be very disappointed, especially in view of the enormous stress on them because of the firemen's strike."

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a four-hour fire course

A "second wave" of Service-men are being taught firefight-ing at the Royal Air Force Regiment depot at Catterick. Officers and instructors have evolved a training curriculum that takes four hours.

It is clear from the numbers pessing through the depot that enough Servicemen are being trained to allow units to be relieved from fire chity on a rota basis for leave or other military tasks.

So far 7,000 Army and RAF personnel have passed through the courses at Catterick, the home of the RAF's permanent airfield firefighting force. Another 1,100 are due on courses next week. Those figures taken in conjunction with the outputs from Royal rigures taken in conjunction with the outputs from Royal Navy and Army training schools in the South indicate that by next week nearly 20,000 Servicemen will have been trained for firefighting, about double the number actually deployed.

the number actually deployed.

The small team of 12 officers and NCO instructors at Catterick view with pride the performance of thousands of their old boys and five women. Senior officers including the commandant of the RAF Regiment depot, Group Captain David Bolton, who are touring units in action, report generally high morale.

Sergeant Instructor John Goupillot, a former civilian fireman, whose son, Michael, is a regular RAF fireman serving in Ulster, said: "It looks as though the lessons we are teaching are standing the lads in good stead. They are obviously putting fires out and saving lives without getting themselves involved in hopeless situations."

situations." The training courses at Catterick have been kept to bare essentials. They include ladder drill, the handling of hoses and advice on safety from some of the most experienced firefighters in the world.

There is no substitute, the instructors say, for experience to be gained later "on the fire ground" and no attempt is made to match the emergency training with the eight-week course a full-time RAF fireman has to undergo before he takes his first place at an operational station.

Troops usually arrive the night before their training session, start work early next day and are on their way back to their units that evening. The record time is thought to be held by a Royal Horse Artillery contingent which arrived by air from Cyprus early one morning, landed at RAF Leeming, near by, carried out training and by, carried out training and went on fire duty in Leeds the same night.

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hysterical. He said the Labour Party was running scared. More than 100,000 people had voted for National Front candidates in the recent GLC elections and

in the recent GLC elections and had cost Labour several seats.

A phrase in the script for the programme that met objections from the BBC's lawyers was: "Every speech they make implies that they would crush all opposition". Its softer substitute ran: "The make clear that if they were in a position of any power they would not tolerate opposition or accept it."

it".

"No knuckles rapped": Mr
Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, said
he thought the broadcast was
excellent (the Press Association
reports). He added: "There
will be no complaints and no
knuckles will be rapped. The
approximates set out to expose

programme set out to expose the National Front and that is

what it did. It made no party political points except criticism

MP to query interviews in

attack on National Front

Boycott threat to Post Office plan recedes

By Our Labour Staff

The Society of Civil and Public Servants last night effec-tively withdrew a threat not to take part in a two-year experi-ment in industrial democracy at the Post Office, beginning on January 1.

A militant motion proposed by the union's executive to a conference of its Post Office The motion said the union should dissociate itself from the experiment unless minimum requirements on the appointment of worker directors were met.

The requirements were than the society should be allowed to appoint somebody to the main board and to all 11 of The conference adopted

more moderate motion, which set those requirements as ne-gotiating targets. Mr. Terence Deegan, the union's Post Office group secretary, said: "It makes it highly probable that we shall be participating in the

experiment."
The Council of Post Office Unions is offering the society, and other unions that are not being invited to make nominations to the main board a constituency arrangement for their views to be represented by somebody else. A motion that the society should withdraw from the council was heavily defeated.

Salaried doctors' service urged by health official

By John Roper Health Services

The family doctors' service should be salaried according to a senior health administrator with more than forty years' experience.

Mr Michael Southern, regional administrator with the South West Thames Regional Health Authority, is retiring six months early to advise the Saudi Arabian Health Ministry for a year. He said yesterday that charging patients as a means of helping to finance the National Health Service would

not work. Additional funds could only come from a greater share of the gross national product. There was no prospect and no joy in trying to "tap it out of the air" from patients.

Mr Southern said the idea that the service was falling apart was rubbish. Community care was improving and the nursing services now had a voice. But there should be greater integration of primary care services, which had al-

of our own Government for not doing more to help people living in inner cities."

Mr Nicholas Winterton, Conservative MP for Macclesfield, said he would ask the Prime Minister and Mr Hayward for an explanation of how the interviews in the East End of

terviews in the East End of

London were obtained. He said: "I understand they

were apparently told merely

that it was a programme about the National Front. Although 1 regard the National Front as despicable, it is equally mon-strous that interviews should be goined on this ground."

gained on this ground."
Mr Joe Ashton, Labour MP
for Bassetlaw, who was the interviewer in the film, said:

"We said we were doing a pro-gramme about inner cities which was going on next Wed-ntsday. That was penfectly honest. We wanted their replies

to be authentic and not in-fluenced by the fact that I was

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an MP.

ready moved forward with practice from health centres and attachment of nurses and health visitors to family doctors.

Recent troubles in the NHS sprang from the fact that it had been protected from harsh realities for many years. Only recently had there been financial cuts.

cial cuts.
Mr Southern said consults Mr Sombern said consultation in the service had gone too far and there were too many committees, most of which were too big to function properly. Industrial relations were poor, perhaps because they were new to the service.

Community health councils had not yet found their role. Some were good and some appeared to be politically motivated. Others tried in do too much and knew little about objective criticism.

In Saudi Arabia, Mr Southern, who now earns £14,000 a year,

In Saudi Arabia, Mr Southern, who now earns £14,000 a year, will receive salary and allowances of about £50,000. A senior engineer from the Department of Health and Social Security and a senior supplies officer from the Merseyside region will accompany him.

National plan for rural land

use is advocated USC IS 2CIVOCATEC

The escape of minks from fur farms was one of the more unusual proccupations of the Nature Conservancy Council last year, according to its annual report, published yesterday.

The council siso gave attention to the consemination of lakes and pook by artificial fertilizers, the growing pressure of tourism on wetland areas, and fires in nature reserves during the drought in 1976. Five devastated most of fire Hartland Moor reserve, Dorset, and The Lizard reserve. Cornwell.

The report describes work done by people employed under the Jovernment's job-creation programme. A four-mile mountain trail at Beinn Righe. Scotland, was reconstructed, waterfowl habitats were restored a Morton Lochs, and observation hides provided.

The council, whose income for the year was £5m calls for a national rural land-use stategy. It points out that no plant exists for reconciling conflicting priorities in the planting and management of the countryside.

Nature Conservancy Council, third report, April 1, 1976-March 31, 1977.) Stationery Office; 13.10).

Boy almost | Army pay fears heighten unions' interest in Service recruiting

At least five unions are studying the possibility of re-cruiting among Britain's 320,000 Servicemen and women. Their interest will be cruiting 320,000 boosted today by a public abled, whose department is intervention over pay by General Sir Jack Harman, the Adjutant General.

He says in Soldier, the official appealling against the award of

a mobility allowance to Robert Edmunds, a mentally handicap-ped boy of 12, has told the Commons that he hopes the boy cial army magazine published by the Ministry of Defence: "In terms of pay comparabi-lity with civilian earnings, we His unexpected remark, taken together with other assurances, has made it almost certain that are now somewhere between 15 per cent and 20 per cent behind." the boy will at last get the allowance he has been denied

The long-standing issue of union recruitment in the Ser-vices was reopened yesterday by the second biggest Civil Service union, the Society of Civil and Public Servants, whose general purposes com-mittee speut some time consi-dering the type of Servicemen suitable for recruitment. Sir Jack, whose interview for

Soldier was on October 24, says he knows that families are finding it hard to manage. "We shall fall even further says he knows that families are still not clear, however, how finding it hard to manage. many Servicement want a Services would be consulted on any recruitment developments. The unions' interest was per cent increase in pay which is recommended as the maximum under the pay policy."

Restiveness over Service pay object to the idea in principle has been reaching the ears of unions for some time. The last men:

TUC that unions that had civilian members employed by the ian member of services would be consulted.

So far there is no indication in Northern Ireland that the discontented soldiers are prepared to strike. But every soldier and officer interviewed made the point that the num-

bers of soldiers applying to leave would be likely to rise dramatically if much more than 10 per cent was not offered at the April pay review.

A gunner, aged 27, with four young children and a take-home pay of 531 a week, stated:

"Most of us do not want a union or to go on strike. Funnily enough, we joined because we like the idea of fighting for

Queen and country. We are fighters, not strikers like these foremen and dockers."

The resentment has been aggravated in central Belfast be-

cause many of the soldiers have to work at barricades alongside

The Society of Civil and Public Servants decided

examine further the possibility of unionizing the Armed Forces. It said the possibilities included the creation of a separate Armed Forces union or the members of the Forces joining appropriate existing unions representing national government employees.

The society, which repre-sents middle-management civil servants, would regard officers up to the rank of colonel as suitable members, involving about 20,000 people, excluding specialists. Servicemen with trades are

actively encouraged to join a union to ease reentry into civilian life. But unionization among other ranks scarcely exists and, potentially at least, would offer fertile ground for a large number of unions. It is still not clear, however, how

Big rises 'or more troops will go'

hour. "It is hard to work guard-ing somebody whose wallet is full when yours is empty," a lance bombardier said. "It does

not help either when the usual comment is to tell us that we are crazy to stay in the Army."

Soldiers feel far more strongly about general pay rates than they do about con-

ditions or special allowances for serving in Ulster, which many soldiers dismise as insulting. Pay has also caused indirect grievances in other areas, par-ticularly in terms of discipline

and the strain on Servicemen's

marriages.

Because of the pressure on

manpower, penalties in the form of fines are now customary in Northern Ireland, rather than spells of military

custody. Fines can amount to the equivalent of 28 days gross

pay for serious offences, and sums up to £40 for soldiers arriving late on perade, or

Farmworkers'

13pc confirmed

Farniworkers, one of the low-

est-paid groups in Britain, were

awarded a £4 a week rise yesterday despite a government wern-ing that it breached the 10 per

The award, confirmed by the Agricultural Wages Scard represents a 10 per cent increase on basic earnings, but

higher overtime and craftsmen's rates will biring the

National Farmers' Union representatives on the board proposed an amendment to bring the award within the 10

per cent earnings limit. It was defected by the combined votes of the independent members and the workers'

members and the workers' side. The sward comes into effect on January 20.

Mr Reginald Bottim, general secretary of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers, said the award was inadequate but he was satisfied that it was the maximum that could be obtained.

rise of

cent guideline.

serious interest in unionizing
Servicemen was during Mr
Heath's Administration. It is now firmly back as a live decided in principle long ago to recruit senior non-commissioned officers and commis-sioned officers when the climate was right.

Mr William McCall, general secretary of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, said yesterday: "We are in-terested." But the union had not taken any policy decisions. The Transport and General Workers' Union, which led pre-vious initiatives, is clearly still interested. Mr Jack Jones forsook the issue during the Reath Administration to concentrate the mind of the trade union movement on its more immediate political crisis with

the Government. The Civil and Public Services Association, the biggest Civil Service union, is keenly interested, but is anxious to prevent a scramble by unions. received assurances from the TUC that unions that had civil-

arcuts. Soldiers feel that in times of

family stresses caused by low pay, significant numbers of soldiers say they are themselves in marital difficulties because

of the pressure to move wives back to parental bomes when

This week I encountered four

that this has put many mar-riages under severe stress."

days a prisoner has been freed to dispel any impression of plea bargaining in the course.

|Judge says law

rules out

whether the Government's recommended system of elec-tion by regional list aid propor-

tional representation will be carried, or be replaced with the traditional first-past-the-post method of election. On the composition of the vote hangs the timing of Bri

Tory offer

for Bill on

By Our Political Editor

Thanks to an offer of time

from the Opposition, the Gov-

a half, beginning next Monday evening, for debating and vor-ing on the method of election

to the European Assembly. The

rote should now come at a reasonable hour on Tuesday

night instead of being talked

out into the early hours to the possible embarrassment of the

Anti-marketeers, surprised by

this subtle Tory-Labour rearrangement of parliamentary

business. complained loudly

yesterday. Mr Douglas Jay Labour MP for Wandsworth

Battersea. North. accused Mr

Foot, Leader of the House, of

"monkeying about" in pursuit of some shadowy, if not shady,

Mr Foot rejected all insinua-tioins and pleaded that it was

in the hands of the House, n

Next week's votes will decide

political deal.

of time

Europe

tain's European Assembly elec-tions. The Government holds that only by regional list can the election be held next year, as promised to the EEC partinflation the severity of those punishments is being steadily increased by the declining value of pay packets.

Apart from the obvious

Also swinging in the wind the continuation of the Liberal-Labour pact. Mr Steel is under formal pressure from his party organization to submit to an emergency Liberal assemble on the future of the pact should the PR method fail because of lack of substantial Labour sub-port. Present thinking at Wes-minster is that PR will be defeated.

Before the Commons even begin debating the elec-tion, which is clause three of the Bill, it faces an evening of procedural movement and

young soldiers who said low pay was the cause of diffi-culties with their wives. A cap-tain with responsibility for unit pay explained: "Last April, when accommodation charges First, clause one must be dealt with, as the stage of the committee of the whole House resumes. That might take several hours before the Speaker accepts closure. Then the Government will introduce is motion to be published tomorrow to take clause three shead of two. The process was first were suddenly increased, many men were forced to save the 53 a week by moving their wives out of quarters. Already we are seeing the unbappy result of two. The process was first advocated by Mrs Thatcher two weeks ago as one way of clear-ing up promptly the doubt over the method. plea bargaining
For the second time in three

Mr Enoch Powell, Ulster Unionist MP for Down, South, received little satisfaction yes terday when he saked Mr Foot how the House could decide the method before it bad decided On Tuesday, a man convicted of theft, despite his denial, was freed by the Court of Appeal because the judge at his trial had suggested to coursel in private that if he did not plead guilty he risked going to despite the ambushes of opponents. The day afternoom's budge to the tribute of the court of the how many members would be elected (clause two). Mr Powell's intention, of course, is to my to ensure that the fall dies without trace.

ents. Tue ness proper should begin with clause three, and doubtless a series of points of orders.

Yesterday, Leslie Arkinson, aged 40, of Hull, serving six months on being convicted of handling a stolen bicycle, was released by the Court of Appeal. series of points of orders.

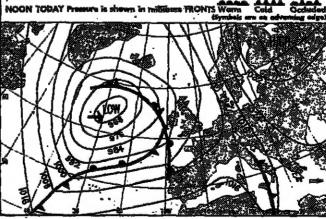
The final tally on PR is unpredictable because both main parties have made it a free vote. On the government side it is insisted that is genuinely free, in spins of liberal hopes that Mr Callaghan has virtually promised to deliver the 100 or so MPs on his "payroll" of ministers and junior ministers. Lord Scarman said there had been no plea bargaining been no plea bargaining

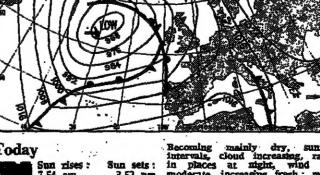
But he saided that what the
trial judge did might have
given Mr Arkinson and others
the impression that there had

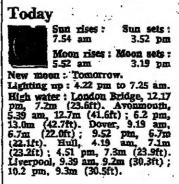
Lord Scarman said that in a
pre-trial review of the case in
August at Beverley Crown
Court, Humberside, Judge J.
Pickles had told Mr Atkinson's
tounsel that if he pleaded
guilty the case could be disposed of

The Tories' assessment o their own strength is that they will vote 2 to 1 to defear PR-That means that about 90 Con-servatives will vote for it

Weather forecast and recordings







A mild S airstream covers Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, E England, East
Anglia, E Midlands, Channel
Islands: Mostly cloudy, bright
intervals developing, scattered showers, temp near or a little
showers; wind S, moderate; max
temp 11°C (52°F).

Central S, SW England, W Strait of Dover, English Channel
Midlands, Wales, Isle of Man:

(E): Wind S or SW, fresh to

Becoming mainly dry, sunny intervals, cloud increasing, rain in places at might, wind S, moderate, increasing fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).

NW, central N, NE England, Lake District: Cloudy, hill fog, showery outbreaks of rain, gradually becoming dry; wind S, moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Bordeta, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy, rain at times, hill fog; wind S, moderate or fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

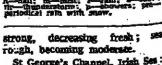
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;





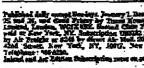


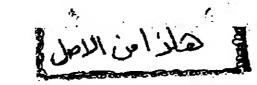
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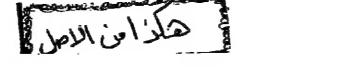
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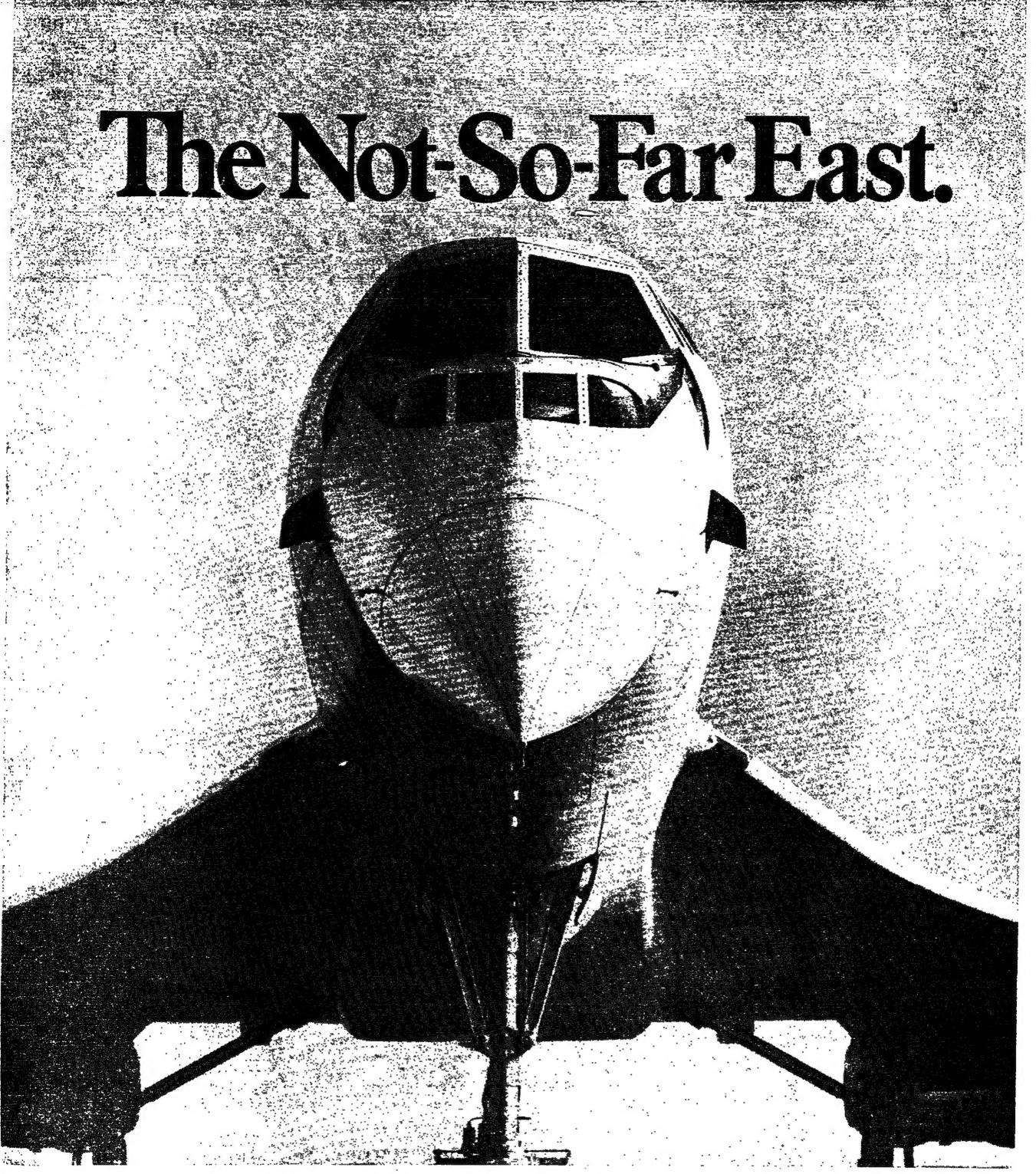
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Hint of new legislation Jubilee fund if industrial training policy fails

By Mark Jackson, of The Times day that it must make the new government training policy a success or risk losing the re-sponsibility for training its own

Under the new system, announced earlier this week, each industry is left with the ressponsibility for training, to be exercised by individual employers and by its industrial training board or a similar body.

The warning was given by Mr John Monks, head of the TUC's organization department, which is concerned with industrial relations and training mat-ters, at a conference of the British Association for Commer-cial and Industrial Education in

Mr Monks, who served on the task group which devised the new system, said training boards were being told to continue to to their job as before but more effectively, and were being assured of government help if it was impossible to reach their

Although the TUC would pre fer a universal national system Industry was warned yester- of broad-based training funded jointly by employers and the government, it accepted that the scheme was the most practicable way to proceed at pre-sent. For the first time there would be clear standards against which to measure the performance of training bodies.
But he added: "Let me make
it quite clear. If industrial training boards, individually or collectively, do not match up to these new responsibilities. the Manpower Services Commission

will have to consider more farreaching measures". If the boards and other joint bodies could not make the arrangements work a new approach and probably new legis-lation would be needed. In moving towards a univer-

sal broad-based training the TUC accepted that the duration and age limits of apprentice-ships would need to be re-viewed. It was a field in which there were difficulties were a matter for individual unions and employers to resolve.

Unit, said some local authori-

to see the importance of strug-gling towards a realistic self

concept, a supportive life-stance.

"Some would claim these as the most important outcome of schooldays. Should we not there-

fore strive to assess such out-

Mr Alfred Yates, Director of the National Foundation for

Educational Research, said he had serious misgivings about

had serious misgivings about some proposed developments and quoted recent experience in Michigan. Blanket testing had been imposed without the approval of the teachers and school performances had been published in league tables, despite a promise not to do so. The teachers were now firmly

Mrs Williams seeks agreed aim for school testing

Warnings of the dangers involved in the development of large-scale testing of school standards were given by three speakers, including the Secretary of State for Education and Science, in London vesterday Science, in London yesterday. Mrs Williams told the annual conference of the National Foundation for Educational Re-

search that their topic, assessment of educational performance, was a subtle and delicate area "where we could very easily go very badly wrong". It was vital that reachers, administration and other expenses. ministrators and other experts, should all be involved, and that agreement should be reached on what was to be done.

The Assessment of Performance Unit at the Department of Education and Science is to begin national testing of the performance in mathematics of about 12,000 11-year-olds in May, and of a similar sample of 15-year-olds in November. Tests in English language are planned for 1979, science in 1980, and then modern lan-

The tests are to be repeated at intervals so that school stan-dards can be monitored effectively. Mrs Williams emphasized that the published results would in no case give details about individual local authorisisted the published results would be no case give details about individual local authorisis and published the published by t

ries, schools or pupils. Pupils who were chosen for a sample would take only a part of any one test, she said. That would help to prevent undesirable side-effects, such as occurred with the 11-pius when able side-effects, such as occurred with the 11-plus when some teachers began teaching to the tests.

The teachers were now firmly convinced that the authority's attitude toward the profession was punitive rather than sup-

money must schemes reach the unreachable'

By Penny Symon

Money from the Oueen's Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund must get to those young people who are not members of established youth organizations, and who are not used to form-filling and "all the other parapher-nalia of the so-called Establishment", the Prince of Wales told youth leaders in London yester-

There is concern that the money raised is not getting to many young people who would benefit greatly from it, and is going instead to youth clubs, schools, ambulance cadets, Scours, Girl Guides, and other arganized groups who know how to go about raising money.

"I know this is an extremely difficult thing to achieve", the Prince said, "but I do happen to know it can be done. Therefore, I am relying on you to help me by concentrating on the more radical, imaginative schemes which are designed to reach the previously 'unreach-able'."

The appeal has so far raised £12.5m; f6m has been received, and the rest is pledged in covenants over the next nine years. The appeal remains open until April 30. About £450,000 has been allocated to 450 youth projects. The rest goes into a capital fund, the income from which will be used by the Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust to support similar enterprises in

Unit, said some social authorities were already starting in-tensive blanket testing of every child in an age group or school. He believed it should be left to the teacher to test the individual "The trust is now about to embark on what could be a most useful exercise", the Prince said. "I want to show everyone what the young can do, given half a chance. The motivation is there, and what we have got regional picture they need test only a sample of pupils, about 10 per cent. The APU is using a 1-2 per cent sample. Blanket testing by an outside agent was wasteful, inefficient, expensive to do is to channel it in the most useful directions." wasteful, inefficient, expensive and created deep resentment among teachers, he said.

Mr Mærjoram added: "I have yet to meet a head who does not claim that his school is concerned with helping children towards independence, helping them see their role vis a vis others, and their rights and obligations in society, maybe even helping them to make good judgments for themselves, to see the importance of strug-

most useful directions."

If a project involved young people in developing their sense of responsibility and their talents and led them to make a useful contribution by serving others in the community "it is certainly eligible for support". But it would not be possible to fund all the projects sub-mitted, particularly during the early days when income from the trust was building up.

By Our Health Services Correspondent Most health care services in

Most health care services in work places rely on part-time first-aiders, according to a report published yesterday by the Health and Safety Commission.

A preliminary survey of 3,000 companies showed that 85 per cent employed neither a



Militant miners lobbying members of their union's executive in London yesterday.

'Threat' of institutional psychiatry described at mental health meeting

Institutional psychiatry is perhaps the greatest threat to the freedom of people in modern Western democracies, Professor of Psychiatry at the State University of New York, told a London mental health symposium vesterday.

sium yesterday, "The right to liberty is de-nied to free people in free society more often on psychiat-ric grounds than on any other". he said. In such societies many more people were deprived of their liberty by being incarcerated in mental hospitals than in prisons. Voluntary psychiatric interventions were crimes against humanity.

occupational health service. Companies within an industry might share a service and hig businesses might extend their service to smaller neighbours.

Dr Kenneth Duncan, executive director of the commission,

said more emphasis was needed on prevention of ill health at work Immediate treatment had a role but preventive medicine

against humanity.

Professor Szasz was speaking at a symposium sponsored by the Church of Scientology. Expounding views that have made him well known internationally through such books as Myths of Mental Illness and Manufacture of Madness, he said that if people wanted to harm them selves they should be allowed to do so. If they wanted to harm others they should be treated under criminel law.

More trained health care

urged for places of work

nurse nor a doctor.

The commission hopes to encourage discussion of occupational health services. It suggests that a specially qualified would in 25 years' time still nurse might be given responsibilities for commission and improvement they should have had.

cannot justify loss of liberty, however such loss may be rationalized, he continued. In such cases, the state, the family and the medical profession must receive the profession must be such cases.

family and the medical profession must remain content with offering help; it must eschew forcing help on unwilling persons and, indeed, ought to be prevented by law from doing so. Freedom entails the right to make the 'wrong' choice.

"Dangerousness to others, especially if it entails overt acts, is the best justification for restraining and punishing persons by means of criminal sanctions. Use of such sanctions would obviate the need of psychiatric coercion now used in lieu of punishment."

Objections to coercive psychiatry, he said, could stand independently from his objections to the concept of mental

independently from his objections to the concept of mental illness, which he regarded as a metaphor or a myth, He felt in general, however, that people's concepts of mental illness affected their attitudes to psychiatric coercions.

"When shall we recognize that the institutions that legitimize and the individuals who

The Consumers' Association

will oppose any attempt by Britain to shield itself with

purely national measures from food price rises that will be re-

quired by EEC rules next year,

Mr William Roberts, head of

the European unit of the asso-

ciation, said yesterday. It

would oppose any protective Europe measure, such as the present somm EEC-financed butter subsidy, pean that operates only in Britain. sumer Mr Silkin, Minister of Agri-

By Hugh Clayton

behaviour dispense compulsory psychiaof liberty, tric measures perform the same
may be functions of social control in
both free and totalitarian
state, the
ical profesintent with of mental health patients were there involuntarily.

His case was answered by Dr Anthony Clare, a psychiatrist at the Maudsley Hospital, London, and author of Psychiatry in Dissent. He thought the disease model could be usefully applied to psychiatric disturbances, particularly the severer "We do not know the cause

of serious mental illnesses any more than nineteenth-century physicians knew the causes of tuberculosis or syphilis", he said. "What we do know is that the serious mental illnesses of the serious mental rimesses of achimphrenia and manic depressive psychosis can be identified, can be treated, and in some instances can be cured. "The issue of compulsory admissions to hospitals and treatment arrises in only a small reconnect of these cases. Only

proportion of these cases. Only a tenth of patients in mental hospitals are there involuntarily.

culture, Fisheries and Food, has said that he will bargain in Brussels at the 1978 farm price

review for concessions needed in Britain. Mr Roberts said the association wanted radical change in the common agricul-tural policy, but only on a Com-munity basis.

He was speaking at a meet-

ing in London of the Bureau

Européen des Unions de Con-

sommateurs (Beuc), the European confederation of con-sumer groups, about EEC farm

Consumers' group opposes

food price protection

Murder case man freed to stand trial

Nottinghamshire.

He was found unfit to plead when he stood in the same dock at Sheffield Assizes in October, 1969, charged with the murder of his great-aunt, Mrs Frances Mallett, aged 77, a widow, who

of an alibi.

While he was in Leeds prison hospital awaiting trial it became apparent that his mental condition had deteriorated to such a degree that he would be unfit to stand trial. Later it improved to a point where he was fit to stand trial. He was released by the Home Secre-tary to do so.

Man got £10,290 by deception

Mark Lloyd, aged 23, of Priors
Dean, Petersfield, Hampshire,
was convicted at Inner London
Crown Court yesterday of
obtaining £8,250 and £2,000 by
deception and of forging documents. He denied those charges but admirted forging an invoice.
Judge Cox gave him a twoyear suspended sentence and
ordered him to pay £1,850

Sheffield

Mallett, aged 77, a widow, who was found strangled at her home at Stanley Terrace, Maitby, near Rotherham.

Mr David Savill, QC for the Crown, told Mr Justice Boreham that suspicion for the crime fell on Mr Adams, then aged 18, and he was charged with her murder. Mr Adams's solicitors served written notice of an alibi.

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Liantwit Major
In a performance of skill
and stamina four Welshmen

secured the darts world cup for

the principality last weekend by beating teams from all over the

They won the World Masters

Their victory was not sur-

prising, for the darts fever that is sweeping Wales rivels in intensity the religious revival of old. Throughout the land reams of men descend on public

houses to play in leagues that

are as keenly contested as those

While chapels close and become bingo halls, public houses are sustained by the darts league. To throw a dart well in Wales means something. A man may beat his wife or be heretical and prefer socter to rugby, but if he throws a near arrow at the pig-bristle board all is forgiven.

The new status is personified by the captain of the Welsh team, Mr Alan Evans, whose coordination of hand and eve

coordination of hand and eye

has made him as famous as a winner of the chair at the National Eisteddfod.

Although only 28, Mr Evans is already what is known as "a legend in his own lifetime ", to be emulated by the young and respected by the old. He ensured deification three years ago when he won the World Masters individual title. He was born in the Rhondda, where he lived in a pub, which gave him a certain advantage. He maintains that his skill is natural and cannot be readily learnt.

The uninitiated would be

mazed at the money and organ-

ization that go into modern darts. Top players like Mr Evans

darts. Top players like Mr Evans can earn up to £15,000 a year as they travel the world participating in tournaments.

Specialist magazines strive to ensure that players are informed of the latest developments and equipment available to them. One, Dart World, attempts to help players in all facets of the game and contains an advice column written by "Dr Dart".

Llantwit Major, in the Vale

"Dr Dart".

Llantwit Major, in the Vale
of Glamorgan, is a typical example of darts fever. There are
more registered darts players in
the town than there are church-

goers.
One pub, the King's Head, boasts six teams and sets aside one evening a week fix the women to throw. The landord, Mr Henry Burford, is not apologetic about darts: "The village pub fulfils the function of a social centre and darts is an enjoyable, inexpensive form of relaxation."

Others are less flattering and

equate the growing popularity of darts with a decline in the colmand life of the principality. In his book, A Welsh Ege, Mr. Gwyn Thomas, cushor and broadcaster, states:

"Llangwit in the fourth and

fifth centuries was one of

vid's most aminent cettire

for rugby.
While chapels close

title at Wembley with tungsten darts valued at £21 a set.

From Our Correspondent

Sheffield

Ian Adams, aged 27, pleaded not guilty at Sheffield Crown Court yesterday to a murder committed more than eight years ago. Since then, the jury was told, Mr Adams, had spent most of his time in Rampton mental hospital at Retford, Notringhamshire.

world's most eminent centres of learning. Princes came here from every corner of Europe to sit at the seat of the early schoolmen. Today Llantwit is intellectually one of the least ambitious centres in the Western world. If princes came they would come only to sit and play darts."

relaxation."

Crime 'affecting recruitment ' Crime and vandalism at
Essex University are so rempant that it is adversely affecting student recruitment as well
as the quality of living, Professor Anthony Brooke, the pro
vice-chancellor, says.
In the campus newspaper

In the campus newspaper Wivenhoe he lists cars, motor cycles and bicycles as being highest on the theft list.

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Paralysed patient dreads loneliness



Mr Harrison with his only means of communication

£17,000 paid for German

bureau-cabinet of 1730

Mr Sydney Harrison, aged 54, who suffers from paralysis and has spent six years on a bedside respirator, has complained in a letter to a Manchester newsa hospital room without company. He adds: "If the authorities responsible for moving me here do not do something

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent
Two fine pieces of German furniture were sold at Christie's yesterday to a German collector who is said to be building a private museum in Hamburg. It was the same collector who bid £55,000 at a Christie's sale last spring for a German blue-lacquered rococo cabinet; it was refused an export licence and has gone to the

cabinet; it was refused an export licence and has gone to the Victoria and Albert Museum. Christie's would not name him. Yesterday he spent £17,000 (estimate £15,000) on a kingwood bureau-cabinet attributed to Martin Böhme of Berlin and dading from about 1730. The austere and markedly English style of the piece, with restrained scrolling mounts, is typical of northern German work of that date, especially that of Böhme's important Berlin workshop.

His second purchase was a north

Berlin workshop.

His second purchase was a north German walnut and ebonized armoire, a massive piece of the late seventeenth century. For £8,000 (estimate £1,200 to £1,500).

Other high prices included a Louis XV kingwood and parquetry commode by Garnier, sold to Partridge at £8,000 (estimate £2,500 to £3,500) and a French nineteenth-century bureau & cylindre with elaborate landscape marouetry inlay, at £7,800 (estimate £5,000 to £6,000), to Hart. The sale totalled £355,733, with 12 per cent unsold.

On Wednesday night Christie's

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On Wednesday night Christle's held a small sale of contemporary paintings totalling £292,860, with 38 per cent unsold. An unnamed institution was the main buyer, paying £40,000 (estimate £60.000 to £70,000) for Warhol's "Suicide (purple jumping man)", £13,000 (estimate £15.000 to £17,000) for Cv Twombly's "Untitled" of 1963 and £9,500 (estimate £8,000 to

Mr Harrison, a former engineer, suffers from a neurological defect and can communicate only through machin he works by winking his paper that he is kept alone in right eye. He was moved five weeks ago to the new Buccleuch Lodge unit at Withington Hospited from Monsall Hospital. Manchescer, where he had con-

"Great American Nude. No 108". Sotheby's yesterday offered two long sessions devoted to Impressionist and modern paintings, drawings and sculpture, totalling £304.895, with 16 per cent unsold. The most unusual feature of the sale was a group of 46 Neo-Impressionist paintings and water-colours from the collection of the late Jean Sutter, of Parts.

While many were small and by

He was moved to be nearer his wife, who visits him daily from Chesdie Hulme

Mr Robert Prain, chairman of Manchester Area Health Authority said yesterday: "This is a most tragic case. We must make it abundantly plain that as far as nursing care is concerned he has all the care that is necessary and desirable. We are quite satisfied that he is under constant surveillance. Highest on the theft list.

Liability increased

British Rail is to increase the level of general liability for accompanied and passengers in advance from 550 to for left luggage from £25 to find from January 1.

Auction in aid of Stubbs fund fails to reach target

fund at the Tate Gallery last night just failed to raise the extra moneys needed to buy "Bay-makers" and "Reapers". About £31,000 was raised towards the £40,000 needed, but the gallery is left with unsold goods in hand that will probably make up the

The deadline for purchasing the pictures, whose total purchase price is £774,000, is December 31. The Friends of the Tate have promised £25,000, which cannot be available until March. In addition, there are policies of about £20,000 that are not yet relized. A Vuillard, "On the Champs Elysées", given by Paul Mellon, the American millionaire collector of British art, was sold for £28,000. Three others presented by him. Three others presented by including a Bonnard and a cometri, failed to sell.



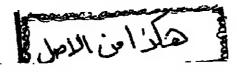
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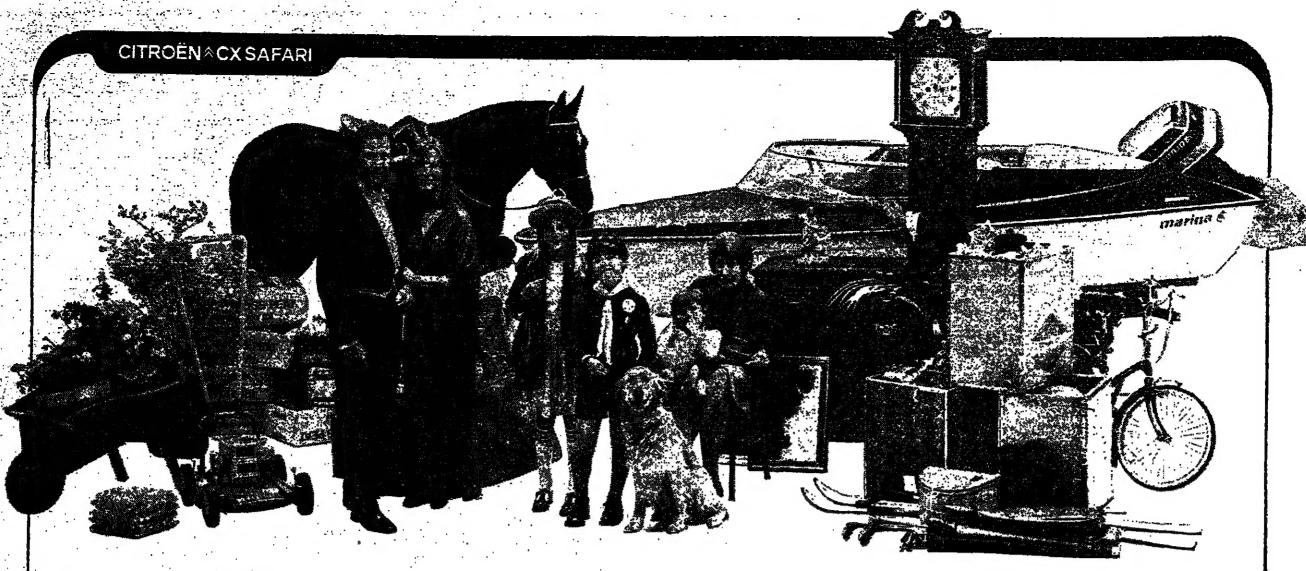
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And thanks to the Safari's extended wheelbase, even long loads like grandfather clocks can be carried easily. The extended wheelbase also means that leg room in both front and rear is more than long enough for even the lankiest legs to stretch out in comfort.

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will the tow bar hit the ground on sharp hills and dips.

And for those rough country journeys to a favourite trout stream or grouse moor, the hydropneumatic system once again comes to your assistance. The suspension can literally be raised by the use of a lever beside the driver. thus increasing the Safari's ground clearance so that it can glide over those deeply rutted tracks and trails.

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safest cars

ever built.

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HOME NEWS.

Multiracial school in drab area is pace-setter

By Arthur Osman Coventry is afflicted by serious unemployment and attendant factors but in one field it is setting a forceful pace that has aroused the admiration and curiosity of local authorities elsewhere.

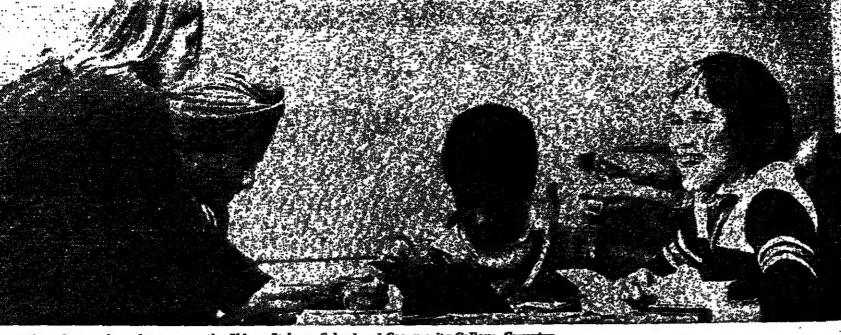
The Sidney Stringer School and Community College in the inner-city area of Hillfields has been open for five years. It is by far the brightest place in a uniformly deab multiracial, worn-out working class district around it. Its actievements in academic and cultural matters has led to it becoming a warehas led to it becoming a pacesetter in a so far restricted field in urban Britain. Only Manchester and Leicester have similar establishments and they were glad of the opportunity last month of seeing how the place works so well and achieves so much.

achieves so much.

The number of its CSE, "O"
and "A" level passes and
university places would be the
entry of any school in far more entry of any school in far more affluent areas. They have been achieved against a background that includes up to 40 per cent single-parent homes or others with a variety of emotional and domestic difficulties.

The acknowledge of the 1400 munits

The school has 1,400 pupils sed from 14 to 19. There are 10 Asians, 150 West Indians,



A multiracial scene in a classroom at the Sidney Stringer School and Community College, Coventry.

and a sprinkling of Chinese. The remainder are white. Only about a hundred are indigenous white Coventry children who in the first and second years are now far outnumbered by indigenous blacks.

The school has 134 staff and is open seven days a week from 8.30 am to 10 pm. Its services to the community include a creche with nursery nurses for the children brought by about 30 parents who ettend at day-time classes of their own or sit

har daytime class for adults fol-lowed by English "as a foreign language". German, cookery, typing and upholstery.

The school has two large gymnasiums, three squash courts, a theatre with more than 200 costs and two chemas. 200 seats and two cinemas. The school's academic pro-

The school's academic progress in the past five years has see achildren who were 11-plus failures first gaining 503 CSE passes leading to 1,182 this year including 232 grade one passes. The school was above the national average this year with an A-level pass rate of 76

per cent. Seventeen of the applicants obtained university places to read medicine, law, engineering and English. A landmark was the sending of its first girl student to study for a nursing degree and the first girl to obtain an engineering appren-

Mr Carlton Duncan, aged 37, the deputy headmaster, is perticularly pleased with the 100 per cent law passes. He incre-duced the subject to the curri-culum when he arrived from

The continued advance of the school and its role as a focus for the community has been made possible by the extraordinary devotion of an integrated staff many of whom are willing to work up to 14 hours a day. They include 10 Asians.
Their valuntary invaluement Their voluntary involvement extends beyond school to belonging to the 10 neighbourhood group associations and acting as advisers and counsel-

lors to parents in the home. One of the main difficulties

parents who expect the school to support their traditional view that a girl's aspirations should go no farther than an early marriage. Other matters that have required patient explanation to obtain a measure of understanding are the lack of school uniform, streaming and

group associations and as advisers and counselparents in the home.
of the main difficulties they are beginning to

A local Labour party considers the National Front

Lewisham leader in favour of caution at next election

The Labour Party's controversial television broadcast on Wednesday attacking the National Front has brought to the fore what has been a dilemma, narionally and locally, over the way the party should respond to the Front's increasing these these to the proof's increasing these these to the proof's increasing these the street to the proof to t ing threat to its vote in inner-city areas with large coloured

while some local parties may feel that the broadcast of a fortheright condemnation of the Front has signalled the end of a period of confusion in which it was often regarded as unwise even to acknowledge the Front's growing support, at least one important local party is still casting around for the right response. right response.

It is in Lewisham where, on August 13, a National Front march was surrounded by serious street fighting when counter-demonstrators attempted to stop it. The controlling Labour group on the borough council, having had four months to assess the repercussions of that day, and facing an election next May, is already coming to the uncomfortable conclusion that the Front lost little and gained significantly

The Labour group is aware that many of its 59 seats (the Conservatives hold the remain-Conservatives hold the remaining 11) are already seriously threatened by the opposition, but the activities of the Front and, in particular, the political consequences flowing from August 13 have added a new dimension. It therefore sees its response to the Front in the run-up to the election as critically amportant. cally important.

The Front proposes to put up 40 candidates in the elections and expects to come second in several, behind Labour. several, behind Labour.
Twenty of the contested seats
will be in Deptford, where in
a ward election last year the
combined vote of the Front and the equally right-wing National Party exceeded that for the successful Labour candidates.

Mr Andy Hawkins, leader of the Labour group, said yesterday that he did not want the local party in direct confrontation with the Front and from that point of view, the party's political broadcast had been too strongly worded.

He said: "I do not think a campaign against the Front should be played so hard. I am in favour of exposing the Front for when it is, its racial rollicies and invest to democracy, but we should avoid

anything which gives offence to the non-aligned. In our local circumstances in electoral terms we might do more harm aban good in giving the Front

than good in giving the Front publicity."

The violence of August 13 had strengthened the prejudices of those Lewisham people who had some sympathy with the Front end, while the controlling Lebour group had attempted to have the march supped, there were signs that some local people associated the party with the violence. It had led to increased support for the Front and a more active mem-Front and a more active mem-

Opinions had polarized, and racial tensions, it appeared, had increased. Mr Robert Edmonds, the National Front's Lewisham organizer, classed yesterday that since the march local membership had increased significantly, but said he was forbidden by headquarters to give figures.

Mr Roger Norman, editor of the South East London Mer-cury, said August 13 was still fresh in the memory of Lewis-ham people. "It really shocked them", he said. Some attempts had been made to repair the damage to race relations by holding multicultural events.

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Liberals campaign to cut taxes

Glasgow The Liberal Party's tax reforms are the subject of a Scot-tish Liberal Party campaign, which opened in Glasgow yes-terday under the slogan "axe tax". Mr John Pardoe, the tax". Mr John Pardoe, the party's economic affairs spokesman, said they are an important ingredient of the pact with

"The Liberal Party would be right in making them a pact-breaking matter", he said, mak-ing clear that Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, must include the tax reforms in his next Budget. What his party was calling for, he said, was a total recasing of the British

Mr Perdoe is demanding that in the pound as Mr Healey should reduce the wards the Liber standard and upper rates of in-of 20p in 1979.

hospitals sometimes operated reciprocal arrangements that

Hospital-home 'deals' on

elderly people condemned

Old people's homes and for discharge." The arrange-

come rax and, in particular, cut the standard rate of tax by 9p in the pound from 34p to 25p. He admitted that the Chancellor had made some concessions and "appears to be unterly con-vinced both in public statements and private talk that income tax was a menace, and that the higher rates would have to be brought down.

The Liberal Party was pre-

pared to carry its commitment for tex reductions to the ultimate stage; that it would not, perhaps, want to carry on with the pact after the Budget in April if Mr Healey did not reduce taxes to about the figures he was proposing.

He saw the reduction of the

in the pound as a first step to-wards the Liberal Party's target

ment crose because there was

great demand both for beds for geriatric patients in hospitals and for home accommodation

"The highest rate of income tax must be reduced from 83p to 60p in the pound as a first step towards our target of 50p in 1979", he said. "The reduction in the standard rate to 25p will cost £4,200m at 1977 levels of income. The reduction and restructuring of the bigger rates will cost £380m. A reduction in the investment income surcharge from 15 per income surcharge from 15 per cent to 10 per cent will cost £100m, a total of about £4,700m. Some people are amazed at our daring. The Chancellor is also surprised, and embarrassed."

The money to meet such reductions, would come from increased taxes on expenditure.

The Liberals' tax reform plan will be published next month to enable industry to have discussions with the Roard of Inland Revenue.

Arts Council bursaries to help composers

The Arts Council has launched a scheme to help composers. It will take the form of two bursaries of up to £4,500 and six of up to £2,500. Previous direct support for composers has usually been in the form of commission fees, which the council has been the form of commission fees, which the council has been awarding since 1965. In 1976-77

director of the social responsi-bility department of the Church of Scotland, said in Edinburgh yesterday.

When a home asked if one of its perients could be admicted to perients could be admicted a new partnership between The closing date for com-pleted applications is January 13 and decisions will be reached the following month. reached the following month.

Intending applicants should write to the Music Officer (Bursaries), 105 Piccadilly, London WIV OAU, enclosing a stamped addressed enviope. The scheme excludes jazz composition, which will be treated separately.

The council has been ham-pered by a budget limited be-cause of public spending curs, which has meant that it could employ only two thirds of its staffing establishment. school uniform, streaming and corporal punishment. Mr Bruce Peace, chairman of

staffing establishment.

It has mounted two regional conferences so far in the wake of its report on intermediane treatment, a term that embraces all kinds of help for delinquents and other children at risk, between removing them from home at one extreme, and leaving them under the occasional supervision of social workers at the other.

The conferences have brought The conferences have brought together social services, housing and education staff to discuss the implications of the council's

Three wore conferences are Three wore conferences are planned for the new year, two in Wales and one in Gareshead, which will continue the process. One proposal in the air is that a coordinating body should be set up to monitor initiatives in intermediate treatment, perhaps including those that might result from the new grant-giving trust that Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, has appropried to help Services, has announced to help in financing modest local

social services body exception rather than the rule, however, and probably owe as much to the enthusiasm Mr Ennals has shown for inter-

Changes in personal

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent

The needs of elderly and

handicapped people rather than

children will be reflected in

the composition of the new Per-

sonal Social Services Council,

to be emounced before Christ-

mas. The council is being

changed after completing its first three years' work.

Its impact so far has been disappointing compared with the original role envisaged for it as an independent body, critical of government and helping to develop the social services. But it has produced a series of impressive reports

series of impressive reports that have undoubtedly had an effect, notably on residential

care and intermediate treat-

mediate treatment as to the resources the council has been able to devote to them. Working groups established by the council cover such diverse fields as consumer parti-cipation, people with handicaps, and manpower resources in the voluntary social services, as well as priorities for spending, residential care and intermediate treatment. This working group most likely to make significant impact in the new council is concerned with collaboration in

community care. It is studying the working relationships between people providing help in the home, field social work, and care within both the health and social services, particularly for the elderly and mentally ill.

The group's report is expected to reach Mr Ennals in the new year. It will propose a joint health and social services group to study better collaboration between the two services, both to improve the care offered to the elderly and mentally ill and to ensure that available resources are spent effectively. sources are spent effectively.

The one large group placing an increasing demand on the social services that has not yet been considered by the council been considered by the council is one-parent families. A report on such families has been pro-duced but not published. It is understood to have criticized the lack of response by the Government to proposals by the Finer Committee on One-Parent Pamilies.

Families. Controversial reports are expected in the new year, ho ever, from the consumer partici-pation working group, which has mounted a series of studies in London boroughs. It has found a marked reluctance by councillors to take up cases on behalf of clients of the social

Children to assess TV programmes

By A Staff Reporter

The Independent Broadcast ing Authority is to conduct regular audience appreciation surveys among children, after experiments by its audience research department into methods of gauging children's views accurately and accommissions.

Higherto the authority has used its assessment system only to determine adults' views on

The experiments and the thinking behind the decision to seek children's views on their own programmes are set out by Mr Peter Dannheisser, the authority's senior research officer, in its quarterly journal. grammes that, though not specifically designed for children, appeal to many of them. The Muppet Show is an obvious example: there will also be such action/adventure programmes as Man from Atlantis and The Biomic Woman

ITV defend Christmas film repeats

By Kenneth Gosling

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Christmas on independent television will be more than a match for BBC schedules, programme controllers from Yorkshire, Mauchester, Birmingham and London said yesterday. Reservations had been expressed on Monday by Mr Anthony Pearson, chairman of the advertising agencies' Media Circle, who said that ITV did not appear to be very interested in challenging the BBC.

Mr Paul Fox (Yorkshire) pointed out that as Christmas

pointed out that as Christmas Day falls on a Sunday for the first time for several years "we had to have a bit of religion in the evening".

The controllers were not worthed that there would be a number of repeats, including two films, The Guns of Navarone and For Whom the Bell Tolls, and some Christmas editions of such familiar shows as Just William (double length), Coronation Street, George and Mildred and Crossroads. Mr Berkeley A. Smith, chairman of the controllers group wild. of the controllers' group, said:
"We are repeating from excel-

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Maudling action can go ahead

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Mr Maudling alleges that he

mr mauding alleges that he was libelled in an article by Mr Richard State published on the front page of the Daily Mirror on October 20, 1976.

Search for lisherman

A search was hunched yester-day for Mr Kevin Precious, aged 31, of Carr's Meadow, Withern-sea, Humberside, who disap-peared after a cobie overturned. Two others were rescued.

Robbins 20 years on Mrs Shirley Williams, MP, looks back to the Robbins report and forward to the 1990s, in The Times Higher Education Supplement today Peter Scott talks to the French historian, Fernand Braudel, and Professor Relf Dahrendorf puts the case for allowing laymen a voice in university government.

The mobility allowance for disabled people will be increased from November, 1979, annually in line with the movement in prices only, not with either prices or earnings as the Department of Health and Social Security originally stated.



Painting returns: A detail from "The Ascension", part of a triptych by the German Master of Liesborn, which has been rehung in St Helen's parish church at Brant Broughton, Lincolnshire. The painting, which dates from about 1480, has been restored by the Courtauld Insti-

to have appeared in an antique shop at Newark, Nottinghamshire, where it was found by a Rector of Brant Broughton, Canon Frederick Sutton, who bought it for £5. The painting hung above the alter for 90 years until an insurance review in 1967 revealed its probable value. Futher investigation placed the figure at £40,000. A legal battle ensued between church officials who tute of Fine Art in London. It appeared in Britain in the early nineteenth century as part of a German collection bought by the National Gallery. In 1857 it was sold by the gallery at church. The residents won, and after seven years in London the painting has returned.

Call for one body to rule on rural areas dispensing

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Differences medical and pharmaceutical professions over the dispensing of medicines in rural areas should be settled by a new independent statutory body, a com-mittee that has been studying the difficulties for two years says in its raport, published today.

The approval of this national joint committee of three doctors, three pharmacists and three laymen under an independent chairman would be necessarily the control of the co sary before any significant changes were made in a rural

Changes that would always changes that would always require the committee's approval would be: any proposal by a chemist to begin NES dispensing; by a medical practice to begin dispensing or extend its area, except as at

serious difficulties.
Since the committee inquiry was set up in October, 1975, the professions have operated a gentleman's agree-ment under which doctors do not extend their dispensing in an area served by a pharmacy, and chemists acted similarly. The agreement will end in

tions will be considered by the general practitioners committee of the British Medical Association, the Pharmaceutical Society and the Pharmaceutical Services

negotiating committee.

Nearly three million patients in rural areas have their medicines dispensed by doctors because there are no chemist's pecause there are no chemists snops.

Report on dispensing in rard areas, (Room 515, Hamiltai House, Elephang and Castle, London, SE1 6TE).

for drug courier

Doneld Purdie, aged 40, a drug courier in a national network, who was caught with what was thought to be Scotland's largest hand, was sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday to seven years' jail.

Mr Purdie, from Easthourae, Sussex, admitted unlawfully possessing 46% of cannabis resia, worth about £40,000

Seven years' jail | Trawler officer overcome in blast

Mr David Nair, aged 53, the chief engineer of a trawier, was recovering in hospital years day after an explosition and fire on board his vessel in the English Channel on Wednesday He was overcome by smake when fire broke our in all. when fire broke our in the engine room of the Lowerton trawler St Patrick, five miles

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Communists increase pressure for place in Italian Government

ment unless an administration crass to any change which more to their liking is con-would mean closer relations structed over the holiday with the Communists.

today to the somewhat opaque statement issued last night by the party's executive. The statement contrasted the gravity of the country's crisis with the inadequacies of the in Parliament minority Government and advanced "the prospect of a government of unity and national solidarity" which would include Community and C Socialists as well as Christian

The Socialists and the small Republican Party have already appealed for an emergency government to include the Communists. Now, after this latest Communist decision, the political weight is there to insist on change. Moreover, the threat still exists of a general

Much will depend on the outcome of a meeting between utions and the Government. The meeting has been set for tomorrow but will probably be postponed until Monday to allow the Administration to sort out its internal differences

on economic policy.

The main difference inside the Government concerns the size of the deficit in public spending. Senator Gaetano Stammati, the Minister for the Treasury, is fighting hard with some of his colleagues to reduce the deficit, but even he has no hope of keeping it within the limits agreed with the International Monetary Fund.

A sense of deep economic crisis prevails and the need for Rome, Dec 8

The Communists have served notice on the ruling Christian accepted. But there is still demand a place in the Governdent of the conservative Christian Democratic that they will stronger the conservative Christian Democratic than the conservative Christian Christia

The present arrangement is that the Communists helped to This is the reading given at that the Communists helped to the Communist headquarters draft the minority Christian Democrat Government's programme and have agreed to abstain on votes of confidence. The two leading parties are in effect working closely together

Last night the Senate approved a Rents Bill which was the result of agreement between Christian Democrats and Communists. It was noteworthy that Signor Amintore Fanfani, the Senate's presiding officer, had kind words to say about the results of this co-

His friends were said—probably unfairly—to have pledged to force the resignation of Signor Rosario Nicoletti, the Christian Democrat regional secretary in Sicily.

Signor Nicoletti had been negotiating an agreement under which the Communists would have entered the goveming majority in the island's parliament, rather than merely cooperating with the Christian Democrats on specific issues. Conservative Christian Demo-crats have for the moment put

an end to the idea. The solution of bringing the The solution of bringing the Communists into the governmental majority but not into the Government, has frequently been suggested as the next step at the national level. That explains the determination of some Christian Democrats to stifle such a precedent in Sicily.

Dr Owen calls for progress on troop cuts

From Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent Brussels, Dec 8

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, called for a strong initiative by the West to inject new life einto the troop reduction rails with the Warsaw Pact when he addressed the Nato Council meeting here today. Consultations about a new set of proposals have in fact reached an advanced stage among the Western powers involved in the Vienna negotia-

voived in the Vienna negotia-tions o inmurisal balanced force reductions (MBFR).

It is understood that Dr Owen had these proposals in mind when he looked forward, perhaps morein hope than ex-pectation, to the possibility of an MBFR agreement next year.

The talks which began four

The talks which began four years ago with the objective of lowering troop levels in central Europe, have been bogged down for most of that time. The basic difficulty is that the Nato powers want the Soviet Union to make the bigger cuts so that both sides could end up with a common ceiling. The Russians insist

upon equal percentage reduc-tions which would leave the w Pact with a significant advantage.
Dr Owen warned the allies that the negotiations would lose all credibility unless some pro-gress was made soon. An MEFR agreement, following a success-

ful Soviet-American treaty on strategic arms limitation, would be a prize to aim for in 1978. Dr Owen acknowledged that the dialogue with the East at the strategic arms limitation touch with the negotiations by the Belgrade follow-up to the talks the Foreign Secretary said the Americans.



its strategic weapons.

conference on security and co-operation in Europe, had been receive the full support of Bri-

disappointing. It was important that this should be reflected in the final statement, so that the achievements would not be misrepresented. At least the West had been given the opportunity to comment upon the performance of the Soviet Union in imple-menting the provisions of the agreement reached at Helsinki

two years ago.
The final statement should show that the West had been objective in its attitude, without awarding medals or pulling any punches. On the specific question of

Brussels, Dec 8.—Some of America's principal European tain. Critics who seized upon the minutiae of the negotiations allies want a real say in framing United States policy if should not be encouraged.

He referred to fears that an the strategic arms limitation talks touch on American nuclear delivery systems based in Europe, according to alliance sgreement would allow the Soviet Union to work towards a first strike capability, helped by the superior megatomage of

Because of this Mr Vance, the Secretary of State, promised at the Nato Council meeting today to maintain close consultation on Salt with Nato partners, the sources said. Exact equivalence in strategic weapons was impossible, and he was satisfied that an important element of the American nuclear arsenal would survive such a strike. He had no signi-ficant criticism of the way in which Britain had been kept in

They said the desire for prior consultations where Western Europe's vital interest could be affected in the Salt talks was expressed at a private dinner last night between Mr Vance

to be phased out

and the foreign ministers of Britain, France and West Germany. At present, the allies are informed of the outcome of each Salt negotiating session after it has taken place.

after it has taken place.

The Americans are under pressure from the Russians to include so-called forward-based systems in Europe in a Salt package and the sources said it is clear this issue will have to be discussed by United States and Soviet negotiators.

American officials said Mr Vance promised the council that the United States would continue to resist Soviet pressure to bring its European-based aircraft with nuclear capability

craft with nuclear capability under a strategic arms limita-tion accord.—Reuter.

Although the proposed over-all increase in EEC farm prices

but at the controls in the driver's cab. He was inaugurating the new regional express Metro link through the heart of the capital, which will revolutionize Paris transport by connecting up the outer suburbs in the west and the south-east. He insisted on driving 1,000 guests himself from the Opera to Noisy-le-Grand. He had studied a diagram of the instrument panel at

M Giscard

opens Metro

driver's seat

President Giscard d'Estaing

made his second official jour ney on the Paris underground

this morning, not as a merc passenger as he did on a much publicized trip a few years sen,

link from

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, Dec 8

the Elysée Palace yesterday. None of his guests found fault with his driving during the 20 minute journey apart from a rather sharp touch on the brakes at one stage.

Among the political leaders and senior officials travelling in the first coach was M Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris, whom M Giscard Paris, whom M Giscard d'Estaing invited for a fireminute chat on the return jour-ney between Vincennes and Les Halles. This was another indi-cation of the thaw in their rela-tions brought about by their 45-minute meeting last night, the first in nine months.

In his inaugural speech, the President said the Paris region had the best public transport of all the great cities of the

Today's ceremony marked the accomplishment of an ambitious project which has taken 15 project which has taken 15 years to complete at a cost of more than 5,000m francs (2570m). The cost and the enormous technical difficulties involved in burrowing through the cluttered subsoil of the capital caused the Government seven years ago to hestate before going ahead with the final stretch between the Opera, Les Halles and the Luxembourg which was the key to the whole project.

This does away with the

This does away with the bottleneck of three regional service terminals, and connects the two new express lines opened in 1969 to Boissy St Leger and in 1971 to St Germain en Laye with the old line of Sceams to the south-west.

Paris now boasts a regional network totalling 57 miles, capable of carrying twice as many passengers as before at more than twice the speed, in conditions of far greater com-

It will cut travelling time by n quarter to a half for several hundred thousand people who live in the suburbs and trave to Paris each day to work and who have been particularly badly served for transport since the end of the war, with the rapid expansion of the capital into the surrounding

It will also relieve the pres-sure on the Metro network and it is hoped end many of the morning and evening traffic bottlenecks.

For two days travel will be free on all the regional express lines, and exhibitions, concerts and theatrical performances will be staged in almost all its 57 stations.

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country. From Our Correspondent Striking United Nations secre-

pensated by "personal transi-tional allowances".

Madrid, Dec 8.—About 40,000 Basque nationalists demonstrated in Pamplona today demanding the integation of the province of A radio station in Bilbeo today quoted a communique from the Basque separatist organization ETA announcing that it would smash any in agreement about coordinating their efforts to protect the interests of the staff, are now openly at loggerheads.

A lengthy meeting called by the staff union this morning to consider a continuation of the strike ended by deciding that it was over, for the time being.

UN Geneva staff split over continuing strike

Geneva, Dec 8

tarial and technical staff at the Palais des Nations were told by pr Kurt Waldheim, the Secre-tary-General, today that the issue of a proposed 17 per cent cut in their pay was being con-sidered by the General Assembly and was thus out of his hands. and was thus out of his hands.

A cable had been sent by the staff union at the Palais to Dr Waldheim which advocated extending yesterday's one-day strike unless the United Nations administration agreed to reconsider the pay cut, for which permanent staff are to be compensated by "personal transi-

The larger, and officially recognized union, the staff council, opposed extension of the strike, pointing out that the "protest and warning" strike had been called for 24 hours only. The two bodies, previously in agreement about coordinating

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asked to form a Cabinet. From Our Correspondent Amsterdam, Dec 8

The Queen made her decision after a day of consultations with the leaders of the four main political parties (the Socialists, Christian Democrats, Christian

the Liberal Christian Densi-cratic coalition can be certain of only 70 votes in the 150-seat Parliament, seven left-wing members of the Christian Democratic parliamentary group having refused to approve the pact with the Liberals. There pact with the Liberals. After was therefore some confusion as to whether, from a constitu-tional point of view; the pro-posed Government could be considered to have a parliamentary

Queen Juliana has asked Mr Andries van Agt, the parliamen-tary leader of the Christian Democrats, to form a Govern-ment, it is to be a right of centre coalition with the conservative Liberals.

Liberals and Democrats-66) and her principal advisers. The Liberal Christian Demo-

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widespread power cuts From Our Own Correspondent

France faces threat of

Paris, Dec 8
A national "day of action"
with widespread electricity cuts is being called for by the com-munist CGT union, which represents more than helf the workers in the French power industry. It is asking other unions to join in the propest to coincide with the wage negotia-tions that are to be held on

Friday of next week. Workers who have been stop-ping work and causing a series ig work and causing a series an average of 60 per cent of all power cuts all over the train services in the country.

country since lest weekend, have been asked to work norm-ally in the meantime. The CGT has said, however, that if noth-

has said, however, that if nothing positive comes of the talks once the holiday period is over the action will be resumed and could be more severe.

Railwaymen, after the collapse of negotiations about modernization plans which they fear will lead to widespread redundancies tonight start a redundancies, tonight start a four-day strike which will stop four-day strike

French explain Quebec welcome

From Ian Murray Paris, Dec 8

France has replied to the Canadian Government's request for clarification about the circumstances surrounding last month's visit of Mr Levesque, the separatist Premier of Ouebea

During the three-day official visit Mr Levesque was received by President Giscard d'Estaing and M Barre, the Prime Minis-ter, and was enthusiastically welcomed by members of the National Assembly.

National Assembly.

A report was sent to Ottawa on November 14 by Mr Gerard Pelletier, the Canadian Ambassador in Paris. Based on it, the Canadian Department of External Affairs asked for further clarification from the French Covernment, particularly on the

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Canadian law as much as in-ternational law and that it wants to develop "fraternal" relations with Quebec,

with Quebec,
Without actually referring to
the exchange of visits at prime
ministerial level the French
reply, which went off at the
end of last week, has made it
clear that its policy towards
Quebec is one of non-indiference and non-interference". Leslie Plommer writes: In con-trast to their New York counter-parts, bankers in Britain and serene " Quebec, Mr Jacques Parizeau,

the agreed exchange visits between the French and Quebec planned each year; and the exact meaning of the "support" the President offered Quebec in his speech welcoming Mr Levesque.

The French reply is that the Government wants to respect Canadian law as much as in-

were working well at present on specific economic issues, he said, despite their constitutional dispute over possible secession by Quebec.
Mr Parizeau would not say

whether Quebec would not say whether Quebec would proceed to full independence after secession if English-speaking Canada refused an economic association with it, but said he believed "business sense" would dictate an association of some kind. Moreover, the results of public opinion polls showed that a large minority now existed in both French and English view of events in mic union in the event of a

From Our Correspondent

Brussels, Dec 8

From Michael Hornsby

Britain's hard-won Consumer subsidy on butter, financed by the EEC, which reduces the shop price by 82p a lb, would be phased out under proposals adopted in Brussels today by the European Commission

The proposals form part of the recommended farm price package for 1978-79. They will be submitted to EEC Ministers of Agriculture for a final deci-sion early next year.

They are to be officially un-veiled tomorrow by Mr Finn Olsv Gundelach, the Commissioner for agriculture. The guaranteed price paid to British

expressed in units of account is no more than 1.8 per cent, the real increase would vary greatly from country to country. This is because of adjustments to the special "green rates" at which the common prices are conthe common prices are converted into national currencies. Bertish farmers would see the highest real increases. In West Germany the increases would average 0.7 per cent and in Italy 3.8 per cent. One of the most controversial proposals concerns delry producers who would receive a rise of 2 per cent. Mr Gundelach and some other Commissioners had wanted a significantly lower increase to curb future

Butter subsidy for Britain

by just over 5 per cent, according to informed sources.

Navarra into an eutonomous

Basque region.

production surpluses, but they were outnumbered. Spanish general put under

house arrest for writings

Madrid, Dec 8 Three terrorists, believed to be members of the Basque separatist organization ETA, extorted 10m pesetas (£66,000) from a Madrid industrialist by holding ban hostage in his own house for 15 hours, it was learnt today.

The witnesstand to bill the Mischid, Dec 8
Military authorities have
placed Brigadier-General Luis
Cano Portal, the former chief
of army publications, under
house arrest for two months
and one day for the "serious
fault" of publishing an article,
anacting the proposed freform
of army regulations, in the
right-wing Madrid evening
newspaper El Alcazar without
the approval of his aspeciors
reports said in Madrid today.
The article, entitled "Bring The ythreatened to kill the industrialist. They forced him to sign a cheque and write to the ead of his bank saying that the person collecting the money was a friend and a leading meber of the right-wing Popular Alliance.

The article, entitled "Bring the regulations up to date! What for?" was published on November 10. The general signed with a pseudonym, The article called a proposal to revise army regulations "madness", implying that it was part of a scheme for the "disintegration of the father land". The house arrest went into effect last Tuesday, according to informed converse.

ing to informed sources. In enother action, the recently dismissed commander of the civil guard in the eastern province of Lérida, Lieutenant-Colonel Carlos Carbonell de Andrés, also a right-wing officer has ben placed under arrest in In another action, the recently dismissed commander of the civil guard in the eastern province of Léride, Lieutenant Colonel Carlos Carbonell de Andrés, also a right-wing officer has ben placed under arrest in a castle near Gerona, according

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Palestinian notables to defy PLO threats by visiting Cairo to congratulate President Sadat

From Edward Mortimer

tinians is to leave here tomorrow for Cairo to congratulate President Sadat on his

It is headed by Shaikh Ishim al-Khuzindar, a local mam (Muslim religious eader) on whom the Israelis bestowed the title of Imam of Gaza, and also includes a Bedu chief, Mr Fresh al-Musadar, and the Mayor of Deir al-Bala, a village at the southern end of the Gaza Strip. The myor, Mr Azaizi, was one of the nine Palestianian notables who met Mr Sadat in the King Devid Hotel during his visit to Jerusalem

last month.

All three men are regarded by local nationalists as pro-Israeli stooges, and in going to Cairo they may be running some personal risk. The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has sent word to Gaza that easy Palestinian notable sho sets foot in either Amman or Cairo in present circumstauces is liable to be killed. It is apparently for this rea-

stauces is liable to be killed.

It is apparently for this reason that Mr Rashad Shawa, the Mayor of Gaza, has renounced for the time being his plan to go to Beirut and try to ptravade the PLO leaders to change their minds and accept Mr. Sadar's invitation to the Cairo conference. Mr Shawa has in the past been regarded as a strong supporter of King Husain, and would have passed through Amman on his way to Beirut.

A delgation of 96 Pales only that "complications" had mians is to leave here to persuaded him to delay his corrow for Cairo to congratute President Sadat on his that Jordan and Saudi Arabia were now trying to mediate in the dispute between Egypt on the one side and Syria and the PLO on the other. "If things can be solved on this basis it would be to the satisfaction of all", he said.

He confirmed, however that he did not "see much harm in the step taken by Sadat", and that he thought the PLO had that he thought the PLO had gone too far in its condemnation. But he rifused to meet Mr Sadat at the King David, although pressed to do so by Mr Dayan, the Israeli Foreign Minister.

On the Cairo conference Mr On the Cairo conference Mr Shawa said he thought the PLO should take part, but this was his personal opinion. "I'm with the PLO. I recognize the PLO as our sole representative, and as long as the decision is taken not to participate I carry it out."

The people of Gaza appead.

The people of Gaza appead be generally favourable to Mr Sadar's initiative, hoping that it will result in Israeli withdrawal from their rown. But many of the refugees from other padts of Palestine fear it is the prelude to a sell-out.

Both groups are well dis-posed towards Egypt, looking back with favour on the Egyp-tian administration before 1967 even though the standard of living of many has risen since then and for some at least thede is greater freedom of movement. Both wages and

a result of the strip's absorp-tion into the Israeli economy, and more especially the Israeli

Oud .. Cairo .. Correspondent writest King Husain met President Sadat today in an attempt to reconcile Arab disputes over Mr Sadat's peace initiatives, in-cluding his visit to Jerusalem last month. Yesterday, the king had talks in Damascus with

President Assad of Syria King Husain's mediation Is proving difficult as he appadently failed to convince President Assad to chagne his hostile attitude towards the Etyptian peace initiatives. In fact, a Syrian official said in Damascus last night that Mr Assad bad referred in the king's presence to President Sadat's surrended vitit to the

king's presence to President Sadat's "surrended vitit to the Zionist entity".

Nor is King Husain finding much of a spirit of compromise in Cairo, for less than one hour before his arrival. President Sadat wid 200,000 enthusiastic supporters at a mass rally here that his Arab critics were as "dwarfs, imposters and outbidders". Riyadh: President Assad arrived here today for a one-day visit to discuss the repercussions of the Sadat initiative with King Khalid. The King embraced him at the airport. In an interview published in the Beriut weekly Al-Hawadess today, Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia said his country would not recognize Israel even if President Sadat's new policy led to peace.—Reuter.

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Concorde beats Malaysian ban.

Although Malaysia is still re-Actions in Malaysia is still re-tusing to give it air traffic con-trol rights, the British Airways.' Singapore Airlines joint Con-corde service from London to Singapore will start today as planned b yflying over Indon-

British Airways said in London yesterday that it will reroute the supersonic airliner to
skirt the Malaysian control
zone. It will fly over Indonesia,
at 46,000ft paying no penalty
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airline claimed.

airline claimed.
Indonesia said yesterday that
it bad no objection in principle
to the Concorde flying through
its airspace. British Airways
said in Singapore that the offer
was made by the Indonesian
Government through the offices
of the Singapore Department of
Civil Aviation.
The Malaysian Ministry of
Communications reaffirmed yes-

Communications reaffirmed yes-terday that its ban on Concorde overflying remained, but gave no reason. Reports that it was worned about the effect of the

worned about the effect of the aircraft on the Malaysian environment were being discounted in London.

It was thought more likely that Malaysia is piqued at the operation by Singapore of Concorde services,

Travelling by way of Bahrain and the new route over Indonand the new route over Indon-esia, the British Airways/Singapore Airlines Concorde will reach Singapore today in nine and a half hours, compared with the fastest subsonic time of 15



Sir Zelman Cowen: Succeeds

Australian Governor is sworn in

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Dec 8 Sir Zelman Cowen was sworn in as Governor-General of Australia today as the campaign for Saturday's general election closed. He succeeds Sir John

Sir Zelman, aged 58, former Vice-Chancellor of Queensland University, took the oath in a

The results of yet another opinion poll today predicted a decisive if not comfortable win for the Government coalition. The poll, commissioned by The Age newspaper, suggested that the coalition could attract 47 per cent of the vote and the Labour Party 39.7 per cent,

Greeks ask for pillar in British Museum

From Mario Modiaco Arhens, Dec 8

An international meeting to explore methods of preservng the Erechtheion on the Acropolis of Athens, today heard Greek experts call for the restitution of an Ionic column removed from the temple by Lord Elgin and now on display in the British Museum.

The 22ft marble column had supported the north end of the east portico of the Erechtheion, now threatened with rapid decay. This column and one of the six caryatids of the south porch were part of the Elgin collection. Greek experts believe that the complete recon-struction of the Erechtbeion is now vital and urgent if this nument is to survive.

Dr George Dunbas, director of the Acropolic told the Athens Colloquium that the column should be put back in its place should be put back in its place in order to reinforce the stability of the building. It would, he said, he an 'aesthetic joy" for those who had seen it in the British Museum to see it

The Athens meeting has brought together Greek and foreign experts for a discussion of urgent action to save the Eechtheion, one of the most perfect specimens of classical Greek architecture which stands on the north side of the Acro-

Fifty foreign specialists of a variety of disciplines—archaeo-logists, conservation experts, architects, and chemical engineers from 11 countries-are con sulting with 70 Greek colleagues on alternative proposals for the

the effects of air pollution an

The Colloquium is considering a detailed report prepared by the Acropolis task force outlining the threats to this monument: the cacks caused to the marble by the oxydation of iron clamps used in earlier restorations, the atmospheric pollution that combines with humidity and rain to turn the marble surface into gypsum and the biological deterioration of the

marble caused by lichens. The task force, composed of Greek experts, recommended the dismantling of part of the Erechtheion to replace the iron clamps and supports by a rust free alloy such as titanium before reassembling it again.

They had two courses to offer for the protection of the caryatids: either to remove them to a museum or to encase them in a transparent structure conditioned with nitrogen.

Their report pointed out tha both solutions were, in accordance with the Charter of Venice, reversible, so that the caryatids could be restored to their original condition when exposure was no longer danger-

Dr Dontas, who first sounded the alarm on rapid decay, told the meeting: "Some people seem to feel we should let the monument die a natural 'dignito encouraging suicide."

The Colloquium, which was inaugurated today by Mr George Plytas, the Minister of Culture and Sciences, is to lust three days. Its conclusions will help the Greek Archaeological Council in making recommendations to the Government

\$1m bribery fines approved by Congress

Washington, Dec 8 American companies will be iable to fines of up to Slm (£550,000) for bribing foreign government officials to obtain overseas business under new United States Congress.

The Unlawful Corporate Payments Bill was approved unani-mously by the House of Representatives yesterday and has been sent to the White House dent Carter. In addition to heavy fines for corporations. individual employees risk fines of up to \$10,000 or five years imprisonment or both.

The new legislation, which also requires companies to main-tain full and accurate records of foreign transactions and assets, was approved over-whelmingly by the Senate earlier this week. It follows dis-closures during recent years that, in the words of Senator william Proximite. have shown that corporate bribery overseas is "a significant problem in need of clear legislative attention."

Securities and Exchange Comsecurities and Exchange Com-mission revealed that more than 300 American companies paid hundreds of millions of dollars in alleged bribes to foreign officials and political parties in Japan. Italy, the Notherlands and other nations.

"The image of American democracy abroad was to nished," Senator Proximire sai

Mr Nkomo pulls out of London talks

By Our Diplomatic

Correspondent
Mr Joshua Kkomo, joint
leader with Mr Robert Mugabe
Patriotic Front of the Patriotic Front nationalist alliance, has turned down the invitation, which he had accepted earlier, from Drowen, the Foreign Secretary, to come to London for talks on Rhodesia next week.

The announcement came in a statement after talks in Maputo yesterday between Mr Nkomo and Mr. Mugabe, who rejected Dr Owen's offer on Wednesday. The Patriotic Front leaders refused further discussion until Dr Owen "recommits"

himself to the removal of Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, and the dismantling of the Rhodesian Army. Meanwhile Dr Owen and Mr Cycus Vance, the United States Secretary of State, discussed Rhodesia in Brussels yesterday. Dr Gwen said afterwards that ey were "running into a few

problems." Although the Anglo-American settlement iniustive had varied in pace, he said, if it was measured from month to month, steady progress was being made.

If a settlement was to be

internationally accepted, it would still have to be within the parameters of the Anglo-American plan. The right way to resolve differences between

the various Rhodesian nationalist groups was by election. Our Salisbury Corresponden writes: The second round of the nternal settlement talks between Mr Smith and three Rhodesian-based African nationalist groups begin here tomorrow.

Both Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the United African National Council and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, leader of an ANC faction, were absent from last Friday's meeting, which was mainly procedural and lasted 80 minutes and lasted 80 minutes.

This rime the negotiators are expected to get down to detail.

Mr Smith has conceded the principle of universal adult suffrage provided he can in turn obtain special safeguards for the whites. The nationalists are said to accept his position and are willing to start bargaining, provided Mr Smith does not try to wriggle out of the one-

man-one vote precept.

Bishop Muzorewa said today he was going to the talks only because he believed Mr Smith would abide by this basic commitment.

mitment.
The bishop introduced a new factor today by calling for Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe to be included in the talks although he said that if they refused the UANC would go ahead re-gardless.

Terrorist bomb in S African

station car park From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, Dec 8

The fourth terrorist bomb in two weeks exploded today near Johannesburg. Nobody was hurt in the blast in a railway station car park at Benoni, 15 miles

car park at Benoni, 15 miles west of the city.

The South African authorities, normally extremely quick on the draw, have not definitely linked the series of bomb blasts to the African Nationalist Movement, which is puzzling observate.

Today's bomb badly damaged two cars and blew our windows of buildings 400 yards away.

Priest and nun on Uganda

murder charge From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Dec 8

A Roman Catholic priest and

A Roman Catholic priest and nun are appearing in the Uganda High Court at Fort Portal charged with murdering nine Ugandan girls, members of a "Good Samaritans" organization formed by the priest, who defied the orders of his bishop to disband it.

Ugandan radio today named the priest as Father Paul Kibishanga, and the nun as Sister Canaranta Yakato.

The Bishop of Fort Portal, Mgr Serapio Magambo, was reported to have told the court that he had ordered the Good Samaritans to be disbanded last year because they were annoy-

The head of railway police, Major-General J. Van Vuuren, said only that his men were investigating the blast but declined further comment. Amnesty publishes its full

index of infamy

Nations was presented with a petition of 1,100,000 names from 133 countries calling for the telease of all political prisoners on Wednesday.

On Saturday, Mr Thomas Hammarberg, of Sweden, who is chairman of Amnesty International's everytive committee.

rational's executive committee, will officially receive the Nobel Prace Prize at a ceremony in Oslo. On Sunday Mr Callaghan, will take part in a Trafalgar Square carol service, organized by Amnesty, by reading extracts from the Declaration of Human Rights.

The Amnesty report, at 352 Pages, is the longest and Weightiest the organization has ever produced and the organi-Zation's reliability is now such, according to Mr David Simpson, at the continued use of the director of its British section, that the annual report is much

used by governments.

Mr John Humphreys, head of Amnesty International's annual report, perhaps the world's most comprehensive index of infamy, was published yesterday as one of a number of events to mark the twenty-nimh anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Mr John Humphreys, head of the research department, while emphasizing the organization's limited manpower and resources, admitted that there probably was an imbalance but this was due largely to the relative inaccessibility of certain countries.

The political situation in

lights.

The political situation in In New York the United Africa is reflected in the report values was presented with a which finds that the torture of detainees is now consistently from South Africa and reported Rhodesia, African-administered

> Amnesty, which campaigns both for prisoners of conscience and the abolition of the death penalty, reported that the numher of political prisoners in Rhodesia had increased from 700 to 1,000 during the year while in South Africa the biggest increase in the number of political prisoners for 10 years had been recorded, with more than 400 held on Robben Island alone by the end of May.

at the continued use of the i-ath penalty throughout Africa, with about 60 secret executions for threats to state security in Rhodes's this year and 98 others There are those, however, as yesterday's press conference showed, who feel that the oranization has yet to achieve the desired balance between its courage of the communist and accommunists would be the communist and accommunists.

"Landing a large export contract for chemical plant can take a long time. 3 years is not uncommon. So we find it pays to keep ECGD informed of every step right the way through the negotiations.

"This means that they can and do react very quickly when

the time comes, without the need for complex briefing.

"It's not 'us-and-them', we work together on a project.

"In fact, if we had an arm's length relationship with ECGD, we just couldn't deal with clients in the way that we have to when facing tough overseas competition. As it is, we're definitely winning."

Mr F.P. Korn OBE is Marketing and Sales Director of Con-

structors John Brown Ltd, engineering contractors, who recently won a £50m overseas contract for a high density polyethylene plant.

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INSURANCE FOR BRITISH EXPORTERS.

Lawyer condemns police cover-up of detainee's fatal injury

the Black Consciousness: artended the inquest as an inde-pendent observer on the invitation of the Association of Law Societies Pretoria by the

attended the hearings at the Association of Law old Synagogue in Pretoris from November 17, 1977, until December 2, 1977, I was not able to be present during the first three days of the hearing due to commitments in England. However, I fully familiarized myself with the proceedings over those three days from the court records

Upon my arrival in South Africa used his 45 years' was circually unramillar with out the law and procedure of the South African legal system. It offlows that in observing the in-

the relevant time were questioned by means, of Boneoed forms, which contained a series of questions with alternative answers. They were required to arrike out the teply which they condidered impropriate to their answers. Vital documents such as a similarity of the condidered to their answers. a significant relex, and a hedelde a diminish free? and a newtone medical record, were only dis-covered as the inquest proceeded, and then only by reason of the diligence of coursel apparing for the relatives of the decessed.

It is clear that an investigation conducted by experienced police officers with a little of the enthusiasm and vigour with which they customarily appear to question detainees would have elicited the truth from the ellicited the truth from the security police in far less time than was necessary to demonstrate their mendacity in the

Moreover, if at the outset of the inquest it had been possible for the Deputy Attorney General to announce the findings of such an investigation and the fact that appropriate action was to follow, much of the appropriate which has now ensued would have been avoided. In my opinion the failure of the police properly to investi-cate this matter served a grave dis-service to the Government which employed them, to the cause of justice and to the police force

that the chief magistrate was con-cerned to ensure that the inquiry extended over every relative facet. Indeed, there were some aspects of which it may be said that far more time was devoted to it than was justified.

was justified.

I am to tull accord with the finding of the magistrate that Mr Biko died as result of a head injury associated with extensive healn damage and resulting complications. I also wholly accept that on the evidence adduced before the magistrate he had no alternative but to find in relation to the verdicts open to him under Section 16 of the Inquests Act that he could not, on the evidence available, determine that death was brought about by an act or omission involving an offence on the part of any person, ie, any mission involving an offence on the part of any particular person. On the principle that in an Act the singular also includes the plural, this would also be true in respect of any particular persons.

I do not, however, apprehend on a strict reading of Section 16 that it would have been irregular for the magistrate to have found that the death was caused by one or more of a group of persons without speciating such persons with particularity. In my opinion, however, ne was demonstrably with particularity. In my spatial, however, he was demonstrably wrong in adding the rider that the head injuries which resulted in death, were probably sustained in a "scuffie" with the police at police headquartery.

Brinsh lawyer, on the recent in Sir David Napley, past president of the Law in South Africa. Sir David | Society, was invited to Societies of South Africa as an independent observer. As his yardstick he



employment of such treatment. One need do no more than refer to the work of William Surgant in his book The Battle for the Mina.

lust as police excesses and

abuses of police power are not peculiar to South Africa, so there is un reason to believe that that which, however

regrettably, occurs elsewhere is alien to the South African

security police. Thus, it is by time arrives when it is believed that the prisoner has been suitably conditioned and

violence is applied before the

actual interrogation begins or during the course of it. The prisoner is then told in the police verbacular of the country concerned: Now if

you do not want some more of

It must be said that there

was no direct evidence whatso-

Mr Biko was detained on August 18, 1977. His interroga-

Adult 18, 197. He interroga-tion was commenced on Septem-ber 5, 197. If the police can be believed, the desired of 20 days before questioning him was because they desired with him. It is equally consistent with the process of "conditioning".

Process of "conditioning".

During the whole of that time he was held incomunicado; he must have known of the anxieties of his family as to what had become of him. He was deprived of his clothes; he was refused access to food of his own choice as his own thoice.

at his own expense. He was denied normal exercise. On a September he was inter-

an iron grille.

If one accepts, as I do. that

this reflects a classical example

Viciousness in

a police witness

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the South African legal system. It follows that in observing the inquest I had, of necessity, to use as the yardetick against which to
have my opinion, my experience
of the English legal system over
the last 45 years.

I was concerned whether the
inquest leve conduced with
thoroughness and fairness. I am
abundantly satisfied that in 90 for
as the South African Government
was concerned, the fullest possible
inquiry was facilitated from the
moment that the inquest began.

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by the Police Department with
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The injurest revealed, for example, that the cofficers classify concerned with the custody and interrogation of the deceased at the relevant time were questioned by means, of Bonesed forms, which contained a series of consistive out the reply which they considered impropopulate to their conditions of the deceased of the series of any action risken under the section of the contained a series of any action risken under the section of the fact they considered impropopulate to their

derantees.

White expressing therefore no riew upon the wisdom of the Art having been drawn in such wide terms, or as to the fact that international opins in might consider that it reflects little confidence being placed by the Government in the judiciary whose wisdom and judgment is excludes, it was nevertheless by virtue of these provisions that the police acted to detailing Mr Biles.

In an affidavit of October 20,

stody that the power stone and demaining Mr Biles.

In an affidavit of October 20, 1977, swern by Lichterstrik Kuhn of the South African police, he stated that he visited Mr Biko in his cell at s.10 pm on August 23, 1977, and on September 8, 9 and 10. In a later affidavit dated November 9, he admitted that he had been wrong in stating that he witness explained, this was a mere mistake, it is pertinent to observe that it was only one of a number of examples where depodents to affidavits uppeared to have testified under oath in a somewhat cavalier manner, to put it at its lowest. Certainly, this fact does not appear to have ruffled the imperturbability of those senior perturbability of those senior police officers charged with the responsibility of investigating the conduct of those serving under

Machiavellian reason for being kept naked

It was testified by a number of witnesses in oral and affidavit testimony that when asked if he had any complaints. Mr Biko never registered any. It was also suggested to the district surgeons in a series of leading questions put by counsel representing the police and accepted by them, that at no time did Mr Biko make any complaints as to his treatment or of plaints as to his treatment or of any avault. It was reminiscent of the armed forces where officers of the armed forces where ornicers inquired of other ranks whether they had any complaints in relation to their food. It used to be cruically observed that they were always free to complain so long as they did not mind being put on a charge.

as they did not mind being put on a charge.

In my view the fact that the detained fulled to make any complaint when invited to to so or that he falled to complain to a doctor employed by the state, at a time when he was held, inconunicado, ander collens and degrading conditions by the security police is of no ordential value whatsoever and is no more than one of many debating points made in answer to the case advanced by Mr Biko's relatives.

During part of his detention Mr Biko was kept naked, although under constant surveillance by the security police. This was communing round. The justification for this was said to be to present him from commuting suicide. I myself am wholly unconstanced by time explenation which I believe to be both implausible and inconsistent with the rest of the police evidence which portrays Mr Biko 48 aggressive, intractable and unco-operative.

There was, I believe, 3 more

the offices at Senlam Building for interrogation by Major Snyman and his team of interrogators. They were five in number, namely Major Snyman, Captain Siebert, Wartant Officers Marra and Beneke and Detective Sergeant Microwoods. On the medical evidence it was common ground that: (a) Mr hiko had suffered at least three brain lesions occasioned by appli-

tember 6 and 7.30 am on September 7.

As to point (b) I am of the view, however, that the time when the injury had been sustained is far more likely to be not have than 0735 hours on the morning of September 7, rather than 0730 hours.

The giving of the latest time at which the injury could be sustained rests primarily on the evidence of the police that he was interrogated from 1940 hours on September 6 num 1940 hours on that day. During that time, they said, he was not only alert, but was aggressive, although later he became more "cooperative".

I can find no reason why this part of the police evidence should be unitrue; indeed, the medical evidence lends verisimilized to it. It was only on the following morning after the interrogation. it was only on the following morning after the interrogation had been resumed that Colonel Gossen, head of the security police. Port Elizabein, urgently summoned a doctor. Moreover, the medical evidence aroused no hooke that, to pur it at its lowest. the medical evidence aroused no doubt that, to put it at its lowest, the symptoms which occasioned the summoning of such medical assistance were fully consistent with an application of force to the head which would have occurred at a time comparatively soon before the symptoms

soon before the symptoms appeared.

As to the latest time at which the injury could have been statistical, the evidence of Major Savman, who was in charge of the interrogation, was that he came on duty with his team at 0700 hours on the 7th. Regretably, no one, including, in this comexion, counsel for the relatives, subjected the police to close onestioning in relation to the timstantial evidence, as I believe in relation to the time stantial evidence, as I believe in relation to the time in the demonstrate. Leads period of 0530 hours to 0730 hours. Thus it is not unreasonable and the file of the time in the

Thus it is not unreasonable to assume if the officers came on duty at 0700 hours that there would be some lapse of time before the actual interrogation was resumed. Indeed, there is some corroboration in the evidence of the order of the corroboration in the evidence of

0715 hours.

According to the evidence of Major Snyman, he save instructions for the removal of the muscles from Mr Biko's hands and feet. This too must have taken a little time. He then asked him if he had any complaints. It then appeared from the evidence of all the officer, that this was almost immediately followed by a violent attack by the deceased. After he had been brought under restraint and manacled. Major Snyman discontinued the interrogation and made a full oral report to Colonel Goosen, who had arrived at approximately 0730 arrived at approximately

On 8 September he was interrugated, with a mid-term break, from 18.40 hours to 18.00 hours according to the affidavit of Major Sneyman, the officer in charge of the interrogation. Five charge of the interrogation for the interrogation so that while Mr Bike could not rest, they could be working in shifts. That night he was left naked in an office as his cell, with a mat on which to sleep, with his hands hand-cuffed and one foot manacled to an iron grille. Three theories on how brain lesions occurred

This strongly indicates to me:

(a) that the interrogation was not in any meaningful way resumed, and (b) that the display of violence took place almost at the same time as the endeavour was made to resume the interrogation. This is of special significance when, as will later appear, one considers the uncontradicted medical evidence that the brain injury that the deceased rectived is normally followed by the violence, symptoms and conduct which the police and the doctors described: particularly if he had sustained the brain injury shortly before the attempted resumption of the interrogation.

The cause of death being undisputed, the only question remaining for the magistrate was whether the death was brought about by an act or emission on the part of any person as provided it Section 16(2) of the largosis Act.

No direct evidence was a ary time adduced from the police asserted finat this mounted to an abandon-ment by Mr Kentridge of that part of successioned the circumstances. There was a sharp consist of views as to whether one or more blows occasioned the brain damage. Whilst on a balance of probabilities, I would personally have preferred the view that there was more than one blow in that connexion in could not whighly be removed from the sphere of speculation. Acceptance of the fact that more than one blow occasioned it would have lent great weight to Mr Kentridge's contentions, but the absence of such a finding, did not materially weaken the totality of his contentions. In any event it was common ground that there were at least two blows, one to the forehead and another over the lip. essenatic brutalization and degradation designed to soften up for interrogation, why should one resist the inference that the final resist the inference that the final factor anust have been omitted, namely the application of violence? There is less reason, as will appear for rejecting this inference when one considers the remaining evidence and in particular, the medical evidence.

The only other relevant factor is whether, despite the virtually irresistible circumstantial evidence, one can accept the police account as one of truth. I was not present to observe the police evidence given on the first three days. I have, however, read the record and was not impressed. I was, however, able to observe the demeanour in the witness box of Colomei Goosen, the officer in charge of the security police; of Lieutenom Willom who was said to be guarding Mr Bileo on the vital might of September 6 and of Warram Officer Touche. I was quite washed to accept them as witnesses of truth. The record which sets out the able trous-examination by Mr Kenpridge, SC, on behalf of the relatives abundantly demonstrates this fact. It was dorbly evident when they were observed.

No direct evidence was at any time adduced from the police as to any application of force to the head of the deceased, which could have caused such an injury to the brain. Such half hearted attempts as were made were consistent only with a blow to the back of his head at he fell. The injury causing death, or at least, the vital injury was to his left forchead.

Three theories were advanced as Three theories were advanced as to how the brain injury may have been sustained: (a) that it was self-inflicted. The

been sustained:

(a) that it was self-inflicted. The medical cridence was unanimous that it was not a case of self-inflicted brain injury; this was certainly not the case in the light of the extent of the injury found here. There was no evidence adduced in relation to the general benaviour of the deceased which, in my opinion, gave any credence to this suggestion. The doctors were also unanimous that they had never heard of a reff-inflicted brain injury in their experience, and knew of no recorded instances in the text books. I personally rejected it as wholly implausable.

(b) that the deceased sustained the injury in the courte of the sample of the source of the state of the state of the surface. The majstarre in giving his decision stated that it was probably during the course of this scuffle that the injury was suitained. According to the testimony of the police, directly after resuming the interrogation on that morning they confronted the deceased with information which had been learnt from Mr. Said that he threw a court at Major Sayman. Failure to set out reasons
was regrettable

It has unformately become a training of the second training to the second training trai

Steve Biko : Strong and healthy when arrested, he died 26 days later. bowever, on the horns of a dilemna: if he was telling the truch when he said no improper pressure was put on Mr Efico, the inevitable conclusion was that there was nothing about which Mr Biko needed to sham. He had only to say that he did not wish to answer. If, per contra, he was shamming serious illness then the only reason for doing so was to avoid treatment to which he knew he was to be subjected or had During the course of the in-quest much time was devoted to consideration of highly skilled and expert medical evidence. The bulk of it was devoted to the solution of three main questions: (1) whether the ultimate death of Mr Biko was attribumble to negligence on the part of the district sucreons. negligence on the part of the district surgeons.

(fi) whether Mr Biko's train to juriet, and particularly the three legions were attributable to one or more blows.

(fil) whether injuries such as Mr Bilko sustained may have involved a period of anconsciousness and if so, for how long?

The first point was clearly relevant for the magistrate but was quite peripheral to the principal issue. Suffice it to say for my purpose that both the Government of South Africa and the medical authorities have much to con-

the deceased was demined, he, Mr Biko, still had a wild look in his eyes and a visible swelling to his upper lip. He spoke incoherently and in a slurred way and with a heavy tongue and Colonel Goosen accordingly summoned the District

that he could ask the magistrate to reach a finding as to whether

the brain injuries were occasioned

agreed he was

he falls.

A further indication of the un-reliability of Colonel Goosens' evidence was filtestrated by Mr Kennidge. The colonel endeavoured to meantain in speaker that he was in ignorance as to how serious was his condition. He maintained that the purpose in sending him to Pretoria was to enable proper medical assessment to be made as to whether he was to show that the purpose of the proper medical assessment. to be made as to whether he was shamming or not. In the light of Colorel Goosen's statement that he made entierrours to obtain a military aircraft as a matter of urgency to fly lef Biko to Pretoria solely to uscertain whether he was shamming, one cannot long hestate before wholly rejecting this explanation. If he was shamming what was the urgency?

Siell another indication of Colonel Goosen's turchisation of Colonel Goosen's turchisation, is the fact that in the telex to which reference is made above, by Biko was described as having been, at the time when he was dispatched.

of South Arriva and the medical authorities have much to con-sider and rectify arising our of the conduct of the district sur-geons in this matter.

As to point (ii), in his final submission, Mr Kentridge on be-italf of the family, indicated that he did not feel on the evidence has be could see the magnitude. dence and was utterly at variance on each that he did not believe Mr Biko was at that time seriously ill. Still another feature of Colonel Gorsen's testimony which is decisive to my mind is that whether one rejected his repeated protestations, both in evidence and in his statement to the doctors that he thought Mr Biko was shamhe fronger Mr Biko was snam-ming, as I do, or accepts it, one asks oneself why someone with his intelligence did not place in the forefront of the information he imparted to the doctors the fact that Mr Biko had most propably sustained an injury to his head? This is particularly so, since he said he had the possibility in mind at the time.

said he had the possibility in mind at the time.

If he was honest when he said that he believed that the only circumstances known to him under which the decessed could have sustained the injury were those which he described in relation to the so-called "aunifile" on September 7, it follows that he had aboslutely nothing whatsoever to hide. Why did he so strongly stress that Mr Biko was shamming and studiously avoid bringing the head injury to the notice of the doctors concerned? To me this affurds the strongers possible indication, verging upon certainty,

doctors concerned? To me this affords the strongest possible indication, verging upon certainty, that there was some happening which he was anxious to inde. Once one is satisfied, about that, as I am, it can only be that he injury did not result from an accident. On the medical evidence in the fact that there was not 100 per cent certainty in the eridence as to unconsciousness from 10 minutes was not 100 per cent certainty in the eridence as to unconsciousness, since the expects conceded that, although unlikely, they could not wholly exclude the possibility that unconsciousness did not ensue. He further argued that it would be unfair, under those circumstance, to infer that unconsciousness was present. With respect to counsel for the police. I consider this argument unrealistic. As the doctors pointed out, within the field of medicine it can rarely be asserted that any diagnosis.

I had the impression that when the magistrote (as I believe, by invaline thing himself on the law) refered permission for Britabler.

long before the interrogation was to be resumed at 0715 hours on the morning of September 7, he sustained an injury which proved fatal, and that injury was inflicted by one or more persons with a riew to rendering him compilant. In summary the following salient facts emerged:

1. The dishonesty of the police in stressing to the doctors that Mr Bilco was shamming illness and that the fact that they steadfastly failed even to suggest to the doctors that he sustained a blow to his head, abundantly demonstrates that they had something discreditable to hide,

2. The fact that Mr Bilco must have had a period of unconscious-

as sustained.

3. The failure by the police to mount and pursue a meaningful and vigorous investigation prior to the inquest as to the full and true circumstances was, and could only be, attributable to a signifi-cant rejuctance to unrover the

truth.

4. The demonstrable pattern of conditioning of the deceased for interrogation renders it improbable, in the face of the callousness involved throughout, that actual violence would have been abhorrent and absent.

5. The medical evidence established that the onset of the brain

lished that the onset of the brain damage was at least as consistent with a blow having been received prior to 0715 hours on September 7, as in the "scuffle" at about that time.

7. as in the "scuffle" at about that time.

Moreover, although it is unnecessary to pursue the whole course here the later symptoms are equally consistent. A confused state "when the patient gets out of bed, puts on his ribites and runs away is also consistent with the deceased having been found twice in a beth of water wearing his clothes. Moreover, there is sometimes a temporary return to a greater or less degree of rationality which could coincide with the time when, or Lang saw him and found himshe to speak and walk, although weak in his fimbs.

As indicated the explanation offered for the violence is the evidence of the police that it was prompted by the disclosure of certain information to Mr Bilso which had been revealed by his associate in deternion. This, however, raises so many improbabilities as to render k quite unacceptable to me. The police assert that the reason for the delay in interogating Mr Bilso, for some 20 days was whilst they interrogated his fellow detainees. Thus, such information as they had received was in their posession on September 6 when he was interrogated from 1040 hours to 1800 hours. Why did they not 1800 hours. Why did they not produce that information aver that long period? They seemed to have got nowhere; and if, however, they did produce it, why did the become violent concerning something which be heard the previous day without becoming violent?

Outburst result of injury not occasion of it.

Moreover, was such violence, even for such a reason, the reaction of a normal man? What was he to gain by it? No one suggested anything. If it was unrestrained unger no evidence suggested that his temperament normally manifested that trait. Again, one is drawn to the conclusion that the outburst was a result of the injury and not the occasion of it.

6. The oral evidence of the police was unconvincing and for the most part probatively unacceptable.

7. The police in whose rustody Blico as revealed in evidence.

I had the impression that when the mackgrore (as I believe, by modificating tim-elf or the law) referred permission for Breakley as the comes round he would be referred as the proposition of the Depth Atorney Centers I it was the following the following the following the part of the following

and the medical evidence s

the ranks. Africa has only one national police force and one can see the difficulty of securing an investigation of the kind which would be possible if separate forces existed. They appear to regard themselves as above the law, exercising wide discretionary powers and Colonel Gousen in evidence virtually said as much.

follow.

It is also for consideration whether there is not evidence that several members of the security force agreed expressly or by implication to frustrate a proper investigation in order to avoid the inevitable consequence of a trial. If that was so there was a conspirate and anyone who or a mai. If that was so there was a conspiracy and anyone who later joined as it would have been equally guilty.

There is a further aspect which I believe calls for investigation.

Counsel representing the police appeared on the instructions of the State Attorney, He (the State Attorney) similarly instructed both counsel for the doctors and the prisons. The latter in this country has the further considered. need not be further considered since it was common ground that no allegation was made against the prisons.

From the ourset, and before the

From the outset, and before the inquiry began, it must have been evident and thus chearly predict oble that the case for the doctors was that if they had been negligent in diseposts, this was due to the failure of the police to give the adequate information as to the behaviour of the deceased and of the treatment to which he had been subjected. It was the case for the police, however, that they subjected the deceased so the hard-ship which be endured, including their failure to make provision for proper inspiral treatment, only beto know where a stronger example could be found. The matter was further compli-cated by the fact that Dr Hersch.

who was not a state employee. Was also represented by the same consel as represented the other doctors. There was also a manifest conflict of interest between them. conflict of interest between them. The district surgeons contended that any failure on their part to take proper action was attributable to the fact that Or Hersch failed to make clear to them that he was satisfied there was evidence of brain injury; on the other hand Or Hersch's case was that he had been called in as a consultant and had indeed made his auxieties plain to the doctors; that the failure to follow his diagnosis made the responsibility. nosis made the responsibility theirs. This was also a predictable

area of conflict.

An additional factor which emerged was that when it must have been evident that an inquest would take place, coursel instructed for the police interviewed Dr Tucker. Someone may wish Dr Tucker. Someone ma to satisfy minself that the proprieties in this matter were observed. It is still true that justice should not only be done but should manifestly be seen to be done. One speculates as to how an attorney could instruct counsel to runduct a vigorous case against another person for whom he is also acting or vice versa. Moreover, how can an advocate appear for those whose interests are adverse to others with whom he had already discussed their case. proprieties in this

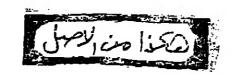
case.
I do not agree with the apparent view of the State Attorney that joint representation was justified because both the doctors and the

view of the State Attorney that joint representation was justified because both the doctors and the police are state employed. For the doctors more was involved here than money. There was reputation and professional status at stake.

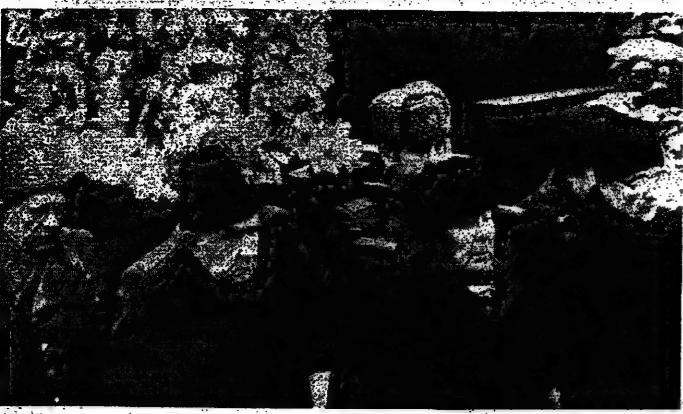
The third aspect of the matter which, as it seems to me, is worthy of consideration is the situation of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General both in this matter, and generally.

As I understand the SA procedure: under the linquests Act the papers are litest considered by the public prosecutor. If he decides on the prosecution of any person responsible for the death as inquest is not held. If he does not so decide, the papers are returned to the magistrate and an inquest is held. At the inquest the mazistrate (unlike the practice in England) may Cause evidence to he led by the public prosecutor or anyone appointed by him. In this case the Deputy Attorney General was nominated. At the conclusion of the inquest the record is returned to the Attorney General again to consider whether criminal proceedings shall be brought. He then decides whether or not action is to follow.

In the conclusion of his final submission Mr Kentridge commented upon the fact that the only part which the remaining counsel for the other inversed parties had played in relation to the witnesses was to endeavour to repair the effect of his cross examination. I do not personally believe that this was a justified criticism involver or the prisons. In my view their function was to protect the interests of those whom they were instructed to represent. It appeared to the counsel for the prisons. In my view their function was to protect the interests of those whom they were instructed to represent to and the position in the case of Timol that it was his duty dispassionately my present to, and test, on behalf of the magistrate. All the referent available evidence. If may have been wrong but I



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Funeral of Marshal Vasilevsky: Soviet shal, who helped to plan and command leaders beaded by President Brezhnev and Mr Kosygin, the Prime Minister, and Mr Kosygin, the Frince manuscription of the Soviet elite. War.

the batrle of Stalingrad, died aged 82 of a "serious and prolonged-illness"

are entombed. One of the generals on whom Stalin put most reliance, Vasi-levsky played an important role in Rival of Mr Bhutto freed from prison Hyderabad, Dec 8.-Khan

Abdul Wali Khan, the veteran Pakistani politician, was today on his way to Peshawar under police escort to seek bail on criminal charges he faces there, the Associated Press of Pakis tan news agency reported.

He was formally release from jail here today after being in costody since February, 1975, on charges of conspiracy against the state.

The 60-year-old former leader of the parliamentary opposition to Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister, was granted bail two days ago by a special tribunal which since April last year has been hearing conspiracy charges against more than 50 opposition leaders.

with Mr Wali Khan and sent to Peshawar. The six must seel bail in various parts of the coun try on charges which include

Mr Bhatto, overthrown by a military coup last July, is on trial on murder and corruption

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a silver-covered Old Testament in Hebrew and English which they wanted passed on to Mr Anssoly Shcharansky in his Moscow prison.

They arranged to meet Mr
Yuli Vorontsov, the chief Soviet
delegate, but when they arrived
at his office he refused to see

475 Russian dissidents 'die in jail'

tion of Swiss psychiatrists said roday that 475 Soviet dissidents had died in the Sychovska prison hospital in the lest 10 years efter being tortured.

in a press statement the Swizz Association against the Abuse of Psychiatry for Political ends said it had learned of the figure from "our own

It had sent a letter to President Breshney calling for the liberation of all dissidents held in Soviet prisons or psychiatric calling. The letter sies called on him to allow one of the sesociation's leading members, Professor Christian Durand, to visit such datainees.—Router.

Britons injured in Cyprus plane

crash are named Nicosia, Dec 8.—The British military surhorities today released the names of the five Britons injured yesterday when a United States Air Force U2 reconneissance sircraft crashed just sitter taking off from Akrotici lesse. The pilot, Captain Robert Henderson, aged 32, who contain for California. who came from California, and four Greek-Cypriot civilians were killed

Mr Jack Flawn, aged 55, a senior scientific officer from Woking, Surrey, was very seriously injured. He was working in the meteorological office which took the full brunt of the crash impact.

Less seriously injured were four Royal Air Force person as Flight Lieutenant B. J. M. Limb, aged 41, of Evesham, Worcestershire: Senior Airtraftman M. G. Watt, aged 21, of Aberdeen; Senior Aircraftman A. H. Ratcliff, aged 21, of Birmingham; and Senior Aircraftwoman J. M. Battye, aged 21, of Leeds. All were suffering from burns.—Reuter and AP.

Chinese policemen in dif-

ferent parts of the country have staged angry railies to denounce what they term their suppression during recent years by the so-called radical faction led by Chiang Ching, Charman Mao's widow.

Hongking, Dec 8

persecution by radicals

Mock trial highlights plight of Soviet Jew

By Robert Parker

A mock trial was held in London yesetrday to publicize the plight of many Jews living in Russia and particularly the case of Anatoly Shchransky, a young mathematician.

Mr Shcharansky was active on a committee designed to bring pressure on the Soviet authorities to comply with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki agreement. He has now been in prison for eight mombs, and it has been discovered that he faces charges involving trea-son, the ultimate penalty for

at the "trial" yesterday, was told to leave Russia on the morning after they were mar-ried in 1974. The stream of letters she had been receiving from him has suddenly ceased.

Among those who gave evidence was a Russian lawyer who was "struck off" for agreeing to defend Mr Shcharansky.

authorities to comply with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki agreement. He has now been in prison for eight months, and it has been discovered that the faces charges involving treation, the ultimate penalty for which is death.

His wife, who gave evidence

Mr Shcharansky's contacts

The full transcript of the "trial" together with the considerable amount of evidence denying Mr Shcharansky's guilt, is to be sent to the Sovier Government, as well as to the other other. Soviet delegation at the 35-nation European security con-ference of a "deliberate and disgraceful insult to the British Parliament and People." Mr Greville Januer (Lab, Leicester West) and Mr Tim-othy Sainsbury (C, Hove) had brought with them to Belgrade 33 countries which are signa-tories to the Helsinki agree-

The Russian's case against Shcharansky appears to rest on an open letter sent to Izvestia by Mr S. L. Lipavsky, who was described yesterday as a turn-coac. Mr Lipavsky alleges that Western visitors amounted to

Beigrade, Dec

Romanians promised hard

The congress of the Romanian Communist Party went into closed session today to discuss to wait another eight years be-fore the Government could change its economic priorities from industrialization to the

The outcome is a foregone conclusion and romorow, when the congress winds up it is bound to support, the President's five-year-plan providing for more sacrifices, discipline, and hard work so that by 1985

Over the past 20 years the country whose economy was before based mainly on agriculture, was concentrating on industrialization. The increase in industrial production was one of the highest in Europe but the corresponding neglect of agriculture and consumer goods production has made Romania one of the countries in Europe with the lowest living standards.

Jui valley, and Mr Ceausescu also ignored it in his speech, though the awareness of the

Pay rises and a gredual, ex-perimental reduction in the working week have been promised together with a modest increase in the production of consumer goods. But this falls short of the general trend throughout Eastern Europe

Mr. Cesusescu, who is also the party's secretary-general, has amounted in his speech to the congress that in the coming years the investment rate in

He seems confident that his appeal for more sacrifices will meet with the nation's approval meet with the nation's approval.

His recent visits to the Juitares showed that he had succeeded in convincing the miners that he cared for their interests. Whether their demands have been fully met is hard to determine, but it is sevident that they have been given some attention, though the flow of consumer goods, food and other supplies to the area has according to some eyewitnesses, been slowing down. Observers say that the miners have become sceptical about whether the Government would

work and discipline From Dessa Travisan

President Ceausescu's decision that the Romanians would have production of consumer goods.

Romenia could become medium-developed country.

In brief

death penalty in recent purges has been criticized by impli-Washington, Dec 8.—The chousands of pages of formerly secret documents released here ov the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the assossination of President Kennedy have produced no new evidence that anyone other than Lee Harvey Oswald was responsible for the shooting. American newspapers Meetings of policemen in the south-eastern province of Anhui have been told that the "radicals" wanted to make sure that not more than 40 per cent of public security workers should be veterans of this type of work, and transferred many shooting, American newspapers conclude today.

In the province of Kweichow rally of about 1,000 people leard a speaker accuse the "radicals", who were purged in October: last year, of "smashing the public security organs, rathlessly persecuting public security cadres and policemen, storming prisons, looting confidential files and guns and sweeping public security cadres and policemen out like rubbish".

The previously depundation

The provincial denunciation rallies come after a statement from the authorities in Peking about the need to correct mistakes in police work. There has also been discussion of the role of the judiciary, which virtually disappeared in the period of the Cultural Revolu-

Chinese police complain of No Kennedy plot,

FBI files show

Reporters' initial findings, after a full day's scrutiny of the documents, are that the Warren Commission was correct in its conclusion that Oswald acted stone and

Iran-Oman pledge

Muscat, Dec 8.—The Shah of Iran and Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman pledged in a joint communiqué to cooperate closely in protecting the Gulf oil routes through the Strait of Hormuz and to maintain their fight against internal subver

Abortion wrangle ends Washington, Dec 8.—The United States Congress has ended its long wrangle over Government-financed abortions for women on low incomes. The dispute had threatened to block Christmas salaries for 240,000

UN refugees post

federal employees.

New York, Dec 8.-The General Assembly tonight elected Mr Poul Harding, aged 63, the former Danish Prime Minister, as United Nations High Commissioner for

Fischer cleared

Pasadena, California, Dec 8.-Charges accusing Bobby Fischer, the former world chess cham-pion, of attacking a woman journalist were dismissed after he appeared in the mur

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Row over ships deal: PM complains Tories would prefer order to go to foreign yards

There was no reason why this country should give a competitive advantage to fureign shipyards which were desperately auxious to smarth these orders, hir James Callaghan, the Prine Manister (Cardiff, South-East, Lab) said when he was questioned about the Points ships deal. Mr Nicholas Ridley (Circucester and Tewkesbury, C) asked: How much time is the Prime Minister

much tame is the frime Manister because today on engineering his Watergate-type cover-up? The Poles apparently have not been asked to put any money on the merable for the purchase of the pur

So far as I can see the attitude of the Opposition is that they would prefer these orders in go to foreign shippards, with our men standing unemployed in our own yards, the steel industry not able to provide the steel, and the engines not being able to be provided by this country.

All this they would prefer. If that is the case they should say so. Mr Margaret Thatcher, Leader of

spending today on engineering his Watergate-type cover-up? The Poles apparently have not been asked to put any money on the table for the purchase of the merchant sisps.

If the Prime Minister must buy votes, would he use the profits of Labour Party Properties Lat rather than the taxpayers' money? Mr Callagnan—I congrainlate Mr Ridley on reducing the level of this problem to where he has. I understand there is a supply day on Monday and if the Opposition cares this would provide a suitable discussion for that day.

In the meantime, I would say the care they should say so. C.)—How much is the British taxpayers being asked to spend on the Polish shipping deal? (Conservation between the Conservation Conservation Conservation Conservation Conservation Deposition (Conservative protests.) If the Opposition can be given if the question is put down. (Conservative protests.) If the Opposition (Earnet, Finchley, C.)—How much is the British taxpayer being asked to spend on the callagham—The answer to that down. (Conservative protests.) If the Opposition (Earnet, Finchley, C.)—How much is the British taxpayer being asked to spend on the callagham—The answer to that down. (Conservative protests.) If the Opposition (Earnet, Finchley, C.)—How much is the British taxpayer being asked to spend on the callagham—The answer to that down. (Conservative protests.) If the Opposition (Earnet, Finchley, C.)—How much is the British taxpayer being asked to spend on the callagham—The answer to that down. (Conservative protests.) If the Opposition of the British taxpayers of the British taxpayers being asked to spend on the Opposition (Earnet, Finchley, C.)—How much is the British taxpayer being asked to spend on the Opposition (Earnet, Finchley, C.)—How much is the British taxpayer being asked to spend on the Opposition (Earnet, Finchley, C.)—How much is the Device the State of Conservative protests.) If the Opposition of the British taxpayer being asked to spend on the Opposition (Earnet, Finchley, C.)—How much is the Device that the Opp answer I suggest they debate this matter on Monday and let us have all the facts.

Mrs Thatcher—One of the Prime Minister's official engagements is to answer questions in this House, particularly questions by the representatives of the British taxpayers.

Interruptions.)

Some time ago he said the deal was in the bag. Did he not know then how much was involved?

If so, why is he so anxious to hide the sum? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—The simple answer is that I do not carry this complias that I to not carry his compli-cated matter in my head. (Conser-vative interruptions.) But I repeat the offer. I hope the Opposition will debate this on Monday. Then they can have all the figures that are appropriate to be produced on this officion. (Conservation they this occasion. (Conservative shouts of "Appropriate?").

Yes, appropriate, because this is a matter of commercial negotia-tion. If the Opposition were in a less irresponsible mood they would cognize that.

There is no reason why we should give a competitive advan-tage to foreign yards which are desperately anxious to snatch these orders. There is nothing which needs concealment about mercial prudence. I suggest that we debate it on Monday. Let the facts be produced in an appropriate way and not as a

Mrs Thatcher-is the Prime Mini

ter saying that on one of the maio issues of the day neither he nor his office have taken the trouble to see that he is properly briefed to answer questions in the House? (Conservative cheers.) If he does not give the precise figure, will he at least give the proportion of the order which is being mer by the tarpayer? Mr Callaghan—I understand from the Lord President of the Council (Mr Michael Foot) that the Oppo-sition have already given undic-than they will want to debate this on Monday.

All the figures will be produced then that are appropriate to this I must say, in view of the attiude of the Opposition on this
prider and on the question of subsidies for the textile industry, the
clothing industry and the steel industry, if I were the workers in
those industries I would be getting
pretry worsted by what the policy
of the Conservative Party really is.
(Labour cheers).

Reaction to Labour's anti-Front broadcast

nar Alexander Lyon (York, Lab) auring question to the Prime Minister, asked—Will he read a transcript of last night's party political broadcast and send a message of congrantations to Transport House for the long overdue and forthright attack on the National Front which was marted only by the fact that the BBC limisted that they were not endalled ed that they were not entitled The Rehabilization of Offenders Act does not prohibit the dissem-ination of such information if it is irue and published without malice.

Bir Calinghau.—There is no ministerial responsibility for mese matters. As I told the Labour Party
conference there will be no carefully weighed electoral considerations to be made by a suitable
ambiguous phrate by the political
parties on these matters. Our
opposition to racialism must be
toral. (Lond Labour cheers.)

Mr Rees offers firemen conditional exemption from future pay policy: Opposition want 'no-strike' pledge

If the two sides to the tare ori-gades' dispute can come to an agreement on a formula for fixing firemen's pay after November 1978, the Government would not only underwrite it, but guarantee that the phasing in would not be threacted by any unforescenthwated by any unforeseen adverse change in economic cir-cumstances. This was announced by Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary.

by Mr Mertyn Rees, the Home Secretary.

Mr Rees said in a statement that the Prime Minister had indicated to the Prime Minister had indicated to the Prime Minister had indicated to the Prime Brigades' Union that the Government would be ready to encourage the employers and the union to work out together a formula for determining fire service pay in the fittine. He said that if agreement could be reached the Government would consider how it might underwrite the settlement.

The establishment of a formula (the said) is a matter for negotiation by the two sides in the National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Fire Brigades, but the Government has been considering what guidance might be offered on the framework within which an agreement might be reached which could be underwritten by the Government. I have today given guidance to the national joint council in the following terms:

"The Government accept that a formula for the proper remuneration of the fire service should be established to determine for the future appropriate rates of pay. The establishment of such a formula is a matter for megodation in the NJC; but the Government further part would be prepared to see a defined relationship between the pay of the qualified firemen and that of other workers.

"Because of the need to reduce inflation the Government cannot agree man increase in the year beginning. November 7, 1977, beyond the 10 per cesu already offered; but it would be prepared to approximately equal stages in November, 1979.

"The Government would be prepared to contribute through the

1979.

"The Government would be prepared to contribute through the rate support grant its share of the cost of a settlement on this basis and would, exceptionally, guarantee that the phasing-in would not be thwarted by some unforeseen adverse change in economic circumstances.

adverse change in economic circumstances.

"The Government hope that negotiations will also continue in the NJC on the reduction of the 48-hour week. If a shorter working week is to be introduced without loss of pay this would have to be on the basis of more productive working routines which permitted a more cost-effective use of the time not spent on fire-fighting."

Agreement within this framework, underwritten by the Government, will provide a sound means of settling the proper remuneration of the fire service for many years to come. It will not give the firemen all they want immediately;

but the overriding need is to reduce inflation and it is not pos-sible in the present round to go beyond the 10 per cent increase which the employers have already offered.
On the other hand, it will give them an agreed and assured basis for their pay in the longer term.
It is the view of the Government that the 10 per cent increase already on offer, coupled with agreement on a future pay formula guaranteed by the Government, and the prospect of a shorter

gnaranteed by the coveriment, and the prospect of a shorter working week to be introduced without loss of pay, provide an honourable basis for settling the present damaging dispute.

I have emphasized to both sides of the NJC the importance which the Government attach to pressing ahead with negotiations with the utmost urgency and discussions are already in progress.

Mr William Whitelaw, Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Pentith and the Border, C)—There will be widespread agreement with the widespread agreement with the objective of senting in a more orderly way the pay for groups with any role in the protection of society. Any such exceptional and society. Any such exceptional and long-term treatment as is proposed should be accompanied by a "no strike" undertaking, as is the position of the police and armed services.

On the terms, who is to define the relationship between the liremen and the pay of other workers and to decide who the other workers are?

Mr Rees.—The latter point is a matter for the NIC. They have discussed this for some time and I understand could reach agreement on it quickly. It is right that it should be a matter for them so that it can remain in the negotiations areas with neople who are ing areas with people who are involved in the customs and pracnivolves in the customs and practice of the fire service.

Bis first question on the longer term raises wider issues. It is not may view that the question of the right to strike for firemen is an appropriate matter to arise at this

shire, L)—is not the Government guarantee that the negotiated formula and follow-up will not be thwarted by economic circumstances a major concession which has no rival in these negotiations? It is to be hoped that the fire-men will accept this and that as a matter of togency the present dis-custions will turn to negotiation. Mr Rees—I am grantful for his last remark. It is a matter of urgency-Yes, it is a major concession. Yes, it is a major concession.

Mir Norman Atkinson (Haringey-Tottenham Leb)—Will he ensure that he is not ruling out some retrospective element when ultimate agreement is reached in November, 1978? Will he confirm that he is not creating a special exemption case when the Chancel-lor perhaps gets his way and introduces Phase Four of the permanent incomes policy?

eation is in a year's time. There will be no retrospection. We have said, with the guarantee we bare given, that whotever the attaction is in a year's time the firemen's formula can be phased in the way !

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Wal-ton, Lab) -- Most Labour MPs will recognize that there has been some and the Government towards the firemen. What is required is an immediate increase beyond the in per cent. The sympathy of the country is still with the firemen county is still with the firemen and will remain with the firemen. It is time the Government went a stage further than they bare already gone and put some more noney immediately on the table. If this is done, we can get a quick settlement before Christmas. Mr Ress—Ten per cent has been put on the table. This is a matter for negotiation, I have spoken with both sides this morning and wage negotiation is proper for the negotiating table.

Mr Athinson—The Government are interfering and laying down the

the firemen's negotiators.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waitham Forest Chingford, C)—He has guaranteed, regardless of events to come of which none of us can have any knowledge, that he will have any knowledge, that he will see that an award is implemented to the firemen the size of which he does not yet know.
This is to leave a time-bomb ficking of the sort which perhap; we did not notice when we set off the one called inflation-priori pensions for one particular group in success.

Mr Recs-It is not a time bomb but a generous way of dealing with Lab)—There would be a readiness omong union leadership and the omong union leadership and the rank and file to accept on trust an arrangement based in the McCarthy recommendations. But there are unforesceable circumstances including the unlikely but conceivable possibility of a Tury Government before implementation of the operative date. So the offer is speculative.

There must be some interest

expected to return to work.
Mr Rees—He is not negotiating for
the FBU. The return of a Tory
government is the least of my West, C)—Why does Mr Rees nor at least ask that during the period in which their new pay attracture would be phased in, they would guarantee not to repeat a damag-

There must be some intermant award before the firemen can be

Tribunal on Crown **Agents: witnesses** cannot be prosecuted

The proposed inquiry into the Crown Agents is to be held in public, Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, announced in a statement. He said that the Government had taken the note of the general feeling expressed by the House on Monday and they felt that the most appropriate form of inquiry would be a tribunal under the 1921 Act.
Mr Callaghan said: The Government have carefully considered the form of the inquiry and have taken into account the various proposals contained in the report of the into account the various proposals contained in the report of the Royal Commission on Trahumals under Lord Justice Salmon in 1966. The Government's conclusion is that the most appropriate form of inquiry in this case would be a pribunal set up under the 1921 Act. The tribunal must identify those responsible for these depitrable sevents. It should however also seek to find a way to safeguard the legitimate rights of innocent people to have their reputations protected from public allegations which may well prove to be unfounded.

which may well prove to be un-founded.

The House will be aware that the appointment of a tribunal will effectively prevent criminal pro-ceedings being taken in the future against any witness and civil pro-ceedings might be affected. The tribunal will have the necessary statutory powers to compel wir-nesses to attend and give evidence and it would ensure a judicial hearing for those who are subject to cribcism. Its terms of reference will need

He has referred to the procedural proposals of Lord Justice
Salmon about the kind of inquiry
which will be held. Is it the intention to spely in detail the protective parts of the Salmon report
designed to protect witnesses
before they appear, for example
that there will be no allegations
against them, to enable them to be
represented professionally, and
that their legal costs be met out
of the public purse?

The Attorney General will know
of procedural proposals made by
Salmon and in so far as they can
be applied without statute, we case.
Mr Callaghan—The protection of individuals was one of, and probably the major, reason which led the Government to make the original recommendation which the Marte dicregarded.

House disregarded.
We shall draw the six cardinal We shall draw the six cardinal principles of the Salmon report to the attention of the tribunal. They carnot be binding on them, but I hope they will take note of the protective principles to safeguard individuals and apply them wherever possible.

Air Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—Will the Prime Minister be able to tell us, as a result of this collapse, at and around the time of Bank of England involvement of

Bank of England involvement of failure to become too involved will be part of the investigation.

Can he assure us that the Exchequer and Audit Department, which did a thoroughly had job, will be up for investigation and that the Treasury will be made to answer questions on this and other natters.

I hope that we shall learn by our mistakes to the extern that the Bank of England will institute an inquiry into the whole lifeboat scheme as well, so that we do not call into that trap again.

fall into that trap again.

Mr Callaghan—The tribunal will be empowered to call any witnesses, whether the Bank of England, Treasury, or any other depart-ment, including the Overseas Dement, including the overseas Development Department. It must
also consider whether it calls private individuals who are concerned
with particular companies. I think
that the inquiry would not be complete unless it did that.

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and see the terms of reference which need careful drawing up. I am not able to say that they can be produced within two or three days. They need careful consideration but I think they will satisfy what Mr Skinner has in mind.

to set up an inquiry under the 1921. Tribunals of Inquiry Act. It is healthy that occasionally the House of Commons exerts its collective will over the Government and kicks them into action. When the Prime Minister talks about the lack of criminal proceedings which flow from setting up a tribunal, the public at large will probably take the view that it is far more important to get to the bottom of how it all happened rather than to ensure that one or two

than to ensure that one or two individuals spend some time in jail.

Mir Callaghas—The House did not kick the Government into action. The Government into action. The Government took full account and the Maister for Overseas Development (Mrs Hart) was most pertinacions in and out of office.

There was a difference of view between the Government and the House on the best form of the inquiry and the Government have accepted the view of the House. Some people may still hold the opinion that the original way was best, but my responsibility is to accept the will of the Rouse. I hope that it will prove right in due course and we shall do our best to make it work.

Mir Edward Gardner (South Fylde,

make it work.

Mir Edward Gerdner (South Fyide, C)—While bearing in mind the importance of the protective principles, will be take steps to see whether there is any way in which it is possible to make sure that a mere refused to make sure that a mere refused to make a question or an acceptance of a question would provide a means of removing the fear of foture prosecution?

Will he see whether there is any means of making sure that in proper cases a refusal to answer an Its terms of reference will need careful consideration not only to schieve its main purpose but if possible to avoid it having to start afresh and duplicate all the work of the Fay Committee.

The Government will make a further statement about this and the necessary resolutions embodying the proposed terms of reference will be tabled, for the approval of both Houses, as soon as possible. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—We welcome the Prime Mindster's decision to set up a tribunal under the 1921 Act.

He has referred to the pro-

were not leen to recommend to the House a tribunal of inquiry, but the House has so decreed and we are following it.

There would be no question of this arking if there was a private inquiry, but we are not to have one. We must try to give the maximum protection we can. I will ask the Attorney-General to consider what Mr Gardner has said.

Generally speaking we must sceept that there should be immunity granted in cases where it would otherwise have gone to prosecution; indeed, in one case I believe a prosecution has been set in motion.

Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab)—

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Is it not possible to draft the terms
of reference so that where criminal
proceedings have been launched or proceedings have been lauriched or are about to be instituted the con-duct of those persons is not the subject of the inquiry? Does the immunity principle in Salmon extend to civil servants who might be dismissed as a result of neglect found by the tributal? Mr Callaghan—The purpose of a tribunal is to deal with lapses in accepted standards of public administration. That was the case for a private inquiry. I will ask the Attorney to consider all these matters. I do not think civil servants would be granted immunity in this way, but then no more should private individuals if they have to come before the tribunal.

granted in these cases.

After Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Chancellor, had repeated the statement in the Lords, Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone, for the Opposition, said; Instead of stating plainly that the results of the Fay report demanded that the guilty people should be prosecuted, and persons who had money should pay it back, the Government were to have had this ridiculous private inquiry and the whole debate got off on the wrong foot.

The public and the House of Commons was led to believe that they were choosing between a cover-up or a public inquiry of the facts when they ought to have been told plainly that by having a public inquiry the guilty people will get off Scot free in the criminal and civil courts.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Live Etwyn-Jones—Those facts Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—We welcome the fact that Mr Callaghan has decided cover that ground again.

TV film on South Africa The ATV film, The South Africant Experience, due to be shown on Wednesday, December 14, has been clearly shown to be rigged and the Independent Broadcasting Authority should require it to be withdrawn, Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) said when he unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on it.

He said that Tate and Lyle had He said that Tate and Lyle had evidence that black workers were paid to make false statements, and there had also been acts of impersonation in the film. ATV's voluntary agreement to withdraw some tary agreement to withdraw some sequences clearly indicated that sequences clearly indicated that the film had been rigged. There was also evidence held by the South African Embassy.

We cannot rely on legal action after the film is shown (he said) because the damage then cannot be Not only was the reputation of the company at stake, but also the reputation of British television, which was known throughout the world as objective and accurate.

out by a 'successful conspiracy'

A successful conspiracy involving chi, the Ispanese electronics group, out of this country. Mr. Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton, South-West, C) said during questions on industrial investment. day it was shelving plans to build an assembly plant in north-east

Mr Joel Barnett, Chicf Secretary the Treasury, had indicated in reply to Mr GDes Radice (Chester le Street, Lab) that he was not satisfied with the level of indus

But I am encouraged (be added) by the recently published figures for investment in the third quarter which show a significant improve-ment over the earlier part of the

Mr Radice—Will he confirm that for the first nine months of this year, if one excludes British Steel, investment in manufacturing in-dustry is 13 per cent up on the first pine months of last year? Mr Baruett (Heywood and Royton, Lab)—That is right. The figures are actually a little bigher than that. But the levels are still low and we want to see them improve rapidly in the years ahead.

Mr Nicholas Budgen—The little Neddies play a vital role in the Government's industrial strategy. Will be comment on the effect on foreign investment into this country of the successful conspiracy in which two little Neddes Johned in keeping Hirachi out? Mr Barnett—The little Neddles are doing a first class job.

During questions to Mr Callag-han, Mr Gordon Bagier (Sunder-land, South, Lab) asked—Will the Prime Murister seek a meeting with the Secretary of State for Industry (Mr Eric Varley) to discuss with him the reason why Hitschi have Will be discuss with him the implications this would have on the possibility of future Japanese investment to this country?

Mr Caliaghm—The Minister of State for Industry (Mr Alan Wil-liams) gave an explanation of this yesterday. This is a decision by the company. I understand, following company. I inderstand, following strong representations from both sides of the British television industry.

As regards general investment, it has been the policy of this country to welcome investment and that still is the case and will continue to be the case. But that camon prevent individual industries making representations and creating a citrepresentations and creating a cli-mate of opinion in which a foreign company will not wish to invest.

Live animal experiments

The Prime Minister said during question time that he hoped the number of experiments using live animals could be cut down. He would use all the influence that he would use all the millience that he had to ensure that Government departments did so.

It would (he added later) be our policy and desire that we should move to alternatives to eminal experiments as quickly as possible. Our efforts must be directed in

Hitachi kept More variety in pay deals preferred restore flexibility in pay bargaining to the labour market? Has that prospect not been damaged by the extent to which the average 10 per cent increase in earnings of which he spoke last summer has been allowed to become a rigid 10 per cent guideline for settlements?

The rate of inflation was expected to decline to single figures by next spring but how long it stayed there or fell further depended on the level of pay settlements, Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said at question time. Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) had asked if the Chancellor remained satisfied with the rate of inflation.

inflation.

Mr Healey (Leeds, East, Lab)—Inflation is failing steadily and is on course for single figures next spring. I will not be satisfied until we get inflation down to the level of our international competitors and keep it there. That means that the level of earnings must be within the Government's guidelines. Regarding pay sentements, if the Government consiste with their secret succious policy against companies, is it not time they came to the House for some legal basis for them?

for them?

Mr Healey—The Government have been allowed by Parliament to withhold or grant certain discretionary aid to take account, as it was intended, of the national interest. It is not in the national interest for the Government to use taxpayers' money to finance inflationary wage increases.

See Conferent House chief Opposite Sir Geoffrey Howe, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (East Surrey, C)— Does he not agree that it is be-coming increasingly necessary to

line for settlements?

Mr Healey—The Government made clear in the summer, and it is not a mathematical point and not a point of policy, that we cannot guarantee to locep inflation rates under 10 per cent through next year if the level of earnings increased nationwide above 10 per cent. None in the House would disagree about that. cent. None in the House would disagree about that.

I would have been happy if we would have had a greater variety of settlements than we have had. But it is no good him asking for Mexibility below 10 per cent unless he prepared to identify the bargaining groups which should make settlements below that level. Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent. South, Lab)—The Opposition always quote special cases like the police and Army because they represent the law and order bandwagon. Can be tell us whether they ever quote special cases which should be below the norm? snould be best the norm; snould be best with the solution of the first the tendency of the Opposition is to ask for low wage settlements and then continually pick on groups, for opportunistic reasons, who they say should have a specially high settlement.

Down's syndrome cases can get mobility help

Mr Alfred Morris, Under Secretary of State for the Disabled (Manchester, Wythenskawe, Lab) said be would be delighted if the National Insurance Commissioner found in favour of Robert Edmunds, a 12-year-old Worcester boy with Down's Syndrome, whose case in support of a mobility allow-case in support of a mobility allow-

case in support of a mobility allowance is currently before the commissioner.

Moreover, if the commissioner does so the said, my department will pay all the arrears from the sartlest date due.

He said in reply to his Peter Walker (Worcester, C), who reised the matter in an adjournment debate, that he would have wanted no part in the making of any scheme for mobility help which specifically excluded cases of Down's Syndrome. Yet the impression had been given that such cases were excluded. They were not.

It had been reported in The Times of December 5 that the scheme needed amending so that the metally handicapped people who cannot walk are treated like were excluded. They were not.

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Next week's business

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Thursday: Various Northern ireland Orders. Gun Barrel Proof Bill, committee.

Government defeated on proposal to relax planning controls

Lord Duncan-Sandys (C) moved a to withdraw the Town and Country Planning General Development ent) Order, 1977, and th an order which would not have the effect of relaxwould be lave us based to treat-ing existing planning controls in respect of conservation areas, listed buildings, national parits and classified areas of outstanding natural beauty.

planning order was to raise the basic level of permitted enlarge-ment of a dwelling bouse from 10 to 15 per cent. It almost completely removed planning comprol over

garages.

While alterations to listed buildings would still require listed buildings would still require listed building consent the increase from 10 to 15 per tent would mean that the compensation the local authority might have to pay the owner fill it refused consent sould he in. if it refused consent would be in-creased correspondingly. This would inevitably rend to influence local authorities to permit more excessive changes in the

the Government proceeded The Duke of Grafton said it was

morrying to think of the possibility of the general development order on milisted buildings in conservation areas. Even what could be described as a small extension of a building in an historic town could have a disastrous effect.

have a disastrous effect.

Lady Birk, Under Secretary for the Environment, said there had been unnecessary alarm arising from misunderstanding of the effects of the orders. The new relaxations did not give freedom to extend listed buildings which would remain under the control of the local planning authority. The application to national parks. Conservation areas and areas of outstanding natural beauty was outstanding natural beauty was endiely consistent with the present order which applied throughout England and Wales.

iocal authornies to permit more extensive changes in the appearance of listed buildings than they would otherwise have bean prepared to do.

Lord Henley (L) said there were many areas which were not conservation areas or areas of outstanding beauty which relied for their charm and such beauty as they had on the protection existing legislation allowed.

Lord Sandys, for the Opposition, said the effect of the draft order on conservation areas, and there were more than 4,500 of them, was There had been a welter of com-plaints from all quarters about the slowness and inefficiency of the development control system. The plauning machine had become plauning machine had become of minor matters had meant delay and frustration all around.

Wide and heapthy consultation

soing to be in precisely the opposite direction from that which the Government immended.

Lady White (Lab) said people who spent a good doal of their leisure time in striving; to preserve the amenities and the values of the countryside, would be unbanced. ing house into two would make for better utilization of the housing stock. The malinemence of a large house could be an intolerable burden for a studie family, whereas conversion into two more manageable units could result in a higher standard of repair and maintenance.

The Government sympathized with the objective of excluding various specially designated areas from the order stace they did not want sensuive areas to suffer. from the order since they did not want sensitive areas to suffer.

The right mechanism was for the local planning authority, where it saw trouble, to deal with it by an Article IV direction. This would rescind the permission granted by the General Development Order. Its great advantage was that it could be used to regain control over all permitted development. The use of this provision to retain control over minor development in selected areas was preferable to the cumbersome proposal of a general withdrawal of permitted development over wide and disparate areas.

Acceptance of the first motion would exclude about one-quarter of England and Wales from the proposed relaxations. The planning system was complicated enough without introducing two systems.

The first motion was carried by The first motion was carried by
48 votes to 21—majority against
the Government, 27. The second
motion was withdrawn.

Considerable progress made with security in Northern Ireland

Since he had last addressed the House on Northern Ireland security matters at the end of June, very considerable progress had been made, Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, soid when seeking approval of various Northern Ireland orders.

He was speaking paracularly to a motion seeking to renew the emergency provisions of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1973, the Northern Ireland (Young Persons) Act, 1974 and the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Act, 1975, for a forther period of six months from January 25.

He said that so far this year the He said that so far this year the number of shooting attacks had been over 4C per cent lower than In the corresponding period last year the number of bombing attacks had dropped by nearly 60 per cent. In the period from August 1 the period from August 1 the reduction was even more marked: the number of shooting attacks had been over 60 per cent fewer than in the same period last year and the number of bombing attacks 70 per

Last year over 29,000 pounds of explosives was used while this year the total was less than 5,000 pounds. There had been a considerable reduction in civilian deaths; so far this year 67 civilians had lost their lives while in the same period last year the figure was 238. The number of civilian injuries was about half of those for the same period in 1976.

As the terrorists, notably the Provisional IRA, were squeezed out of society by the pressure of the security forces, activity and by their increasing rejection by the community, the need to deay them any safe havens became more and more important. Last year over 29,000 pounds of any safe important.

In their relations with the Government of the Irish Republic they had continued the close and fruitul association they enjoyed with

They now had the extra-territorial legislation in effect on both sides of the border. Murderers, bombers and gamen who comulted their crimes perhaps five years ago had found their complexency suddenly shattered as they had been arrested and faced with serious charges. ous charges.

The hand on their shoulder (he said) has proved that the arm of the law in Northern breland is very

Those who were believed to have planted bombs in busy bus stations or shope in 1972 were being charged and those who were believed to have fired the gans which murdered policemen, sol-

which murdered policemen, sol-diers or civilians in the gaugster heyday of some years ago had found that the past had caught up So far this year 265 people had So far this year 255 people had been charged with nurder compared with 188 in 1975 and so far this year 316 people had been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment or more on conviction for scheduled offences on indicament, compared with 214 in the value of last year.

whole of last year.

Recruiting for the RUC this year Recruiting for the RUC this year had been a record, with a strength of 5,625. That was a net increase this year of 372 compared with an increase for the whole of last year of 351, which had been a record. The strength of the full-time reserve had grown from 870 to 1,004 this year.

Over the course of the next year.

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Over the course of the next year, there would be some reduction in the number of regular troops in the province. It was feasible to reduce the number of major operational units from 14 to 13. Subject to the requirements of the to the requirements of the firemen's dispute, that would take premen's dispute, mat would take place by the end of the year. Provi-sion for immediate reinforcement would be maintained.

He was looking towards an in-crease in the size of the regular

military garrison in the province. A resident unit staying for a longer period reflected the supporting continuing role of the army in peacetime conditions. Such a unit provided greater continuity and greater understanding of local circumstances. It would replace units on short tours. He hoped it would be possible to introduce one additional resident unit during next year and a second as soon as possible thereafter.

The use of incendiary devices gave concern. It was right to supgave concern. It was right to amport the business community by increasing financial assistance to increasing financial assistance to them under the security staff grants scheme. The increase would operate for three mouths and would assist in the direct employment of fire-watchers outside normal business hours. For owners of small premises employing 10 or more people, there would be a grant of up to £37.50 a person employed as a fire-watcher 2 week, while for larger premises the grant would go up to £45 2 person a would go up to £45 a person a There were those, some of them

young people, who could be per-suaded to embark on acts of serious criminality in the specious scripus criminality in the specious bellef that at some time there would be an amnesty. He would kill that recruiting theme. There would be no amnesty. Mr Airey Neave, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland (Abingcon, C) said there should be (Aongcon, C) said mere should be no amnesty in Northern Ireland. There would be no amnesty under a Conservative Government. There should not be a crassefire granted at Christmas or any other time to those who asked for it.

Care should be taken in amountained to be the conservative to be taken in amountained.

The Government and the security forces faced difficulty over the attitude of television companies to violence and terrorism. Over the years certain television programmes had done much to exacabate distruct and fear.

Recent programmes by the BBC and Thames Television accused the RUC while investigations were pending. People in Northern Ireland were disgusted at the conduct of those palevision companies, because it was believed and understood that those programmes were stood that those programmes were made with the full knowledge of the danger to human life.

Their record (he said) is thoroughly intolerable in Northern Ireland and most sensible people believe they share the blame for perforism, especially among young

bad shouged off representations made to them, just as Pontins. Plate had. Those working in television did not have to attend the funerals of policemen and soldiers.

They were not concerned with accounting their word accounting their word. accepting their moral responsibility, only with the freedom to report. I was disgusted (he went on) by their self-satisfied attitude. It is

Both those television companies

worthy of massive condemnation by this House when broadcasting comes up for debate in the future. With friends like these neither Government for Opposition can be absolutely sure of the future of Northern Ireland.

those who asked for it.

Care should be taken in announcements relating to reducing numbers of proops in Northern Ireland.

Antrim, UU) said that to call Long numbers of proops in Northern Ireland.

Kesh the Provos' Sandhurst was no laughing matter for there was force a school or schools of terroits the emergency had come in an end.

Terrorists had made hatred their

to ceturn to Northern Ireland as long as that equation obtained.

Mr Gerard Fitt (Betfast, West, SDLF) said that while the emergency legislation was effective in many ways and could have led to decreased violence, there were other factors which had deeply offended those who believed in the liberty of the individual. liberty of the individual.

When people were taken for intercognion in created an aura of suspicion and he knew of men and boys who had been sacked because they had been taken for intercognition for 72 hours, two or three times in the course of some weeks.

The converse had secured tense times in the course of some weeks. The employer had assumed some conservior, unproven though it might be, with a perrorist organization and that led to dismissal. Mr. Pfulip Goodhart (Bromley, Berkenham, C) said Mr Fitt talked a great deal about harassment. Perhaps a little more harassment of some of the godfathers was called for. There were not any of them, perhaps 30 or 40. It was known who they were and many members of the security forces were disof the security forces were dis-Mir Thomas Litterick (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab) said it must have got home to some official that guns, emergency provisions, draconian laws and abridgement of people's liberty in Ireland were not the answer to what was called the Irish problem and which had existed for centuries. Things never got better, despite statyments to got better, despite statements to the coursey by Englishmen. Mr John Carson (Belfast, North, UU) said that the security arrange-ments in Belfast city centre pre-sented to deterrent to the IRA and harmed, the morele of cellular harmed the morale of ordinary law-abiding people. Over the Christmas period the barriers should be removed and the number.

of searches reduced.

Mr John Farr (Harborough, E) said there must be no amnesty, short or long term, for sailed terrorists. Neither must any of them

be allowed out for Christmas. All of them must serve their terms as the criminals they were. The Rev lan Palsely (North Anrim, DUP) said that in a tarrorist situation the rights of individuals had to some extent to be surrendered so that their real rights might be defended. The House must keep that principle before it. Certain rights in Northern Ireland had at present to be surrendered for the greater wells, of the whole community. Mr John Biggs Davinos ,an Oppost

tion spokesman on Northern Inc-land (Epping Forest, C) said the reaffirmation was welcome that there would be no amnesty for Both sides of the House had boun sides of the House had been at one in deploring the relation programmes of the EEC and independent relevision which looked as though those programmes could have been planned to discredit the security forces. Mir Denois Concumon, Xinistes of State for Northern Ireland (Man-field, Lab) said the Government did not believe in censorship of the arress or Delonian land on whited press or television but one wished or hoped that they would at a little more responsibly.

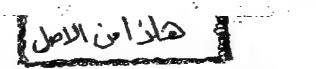
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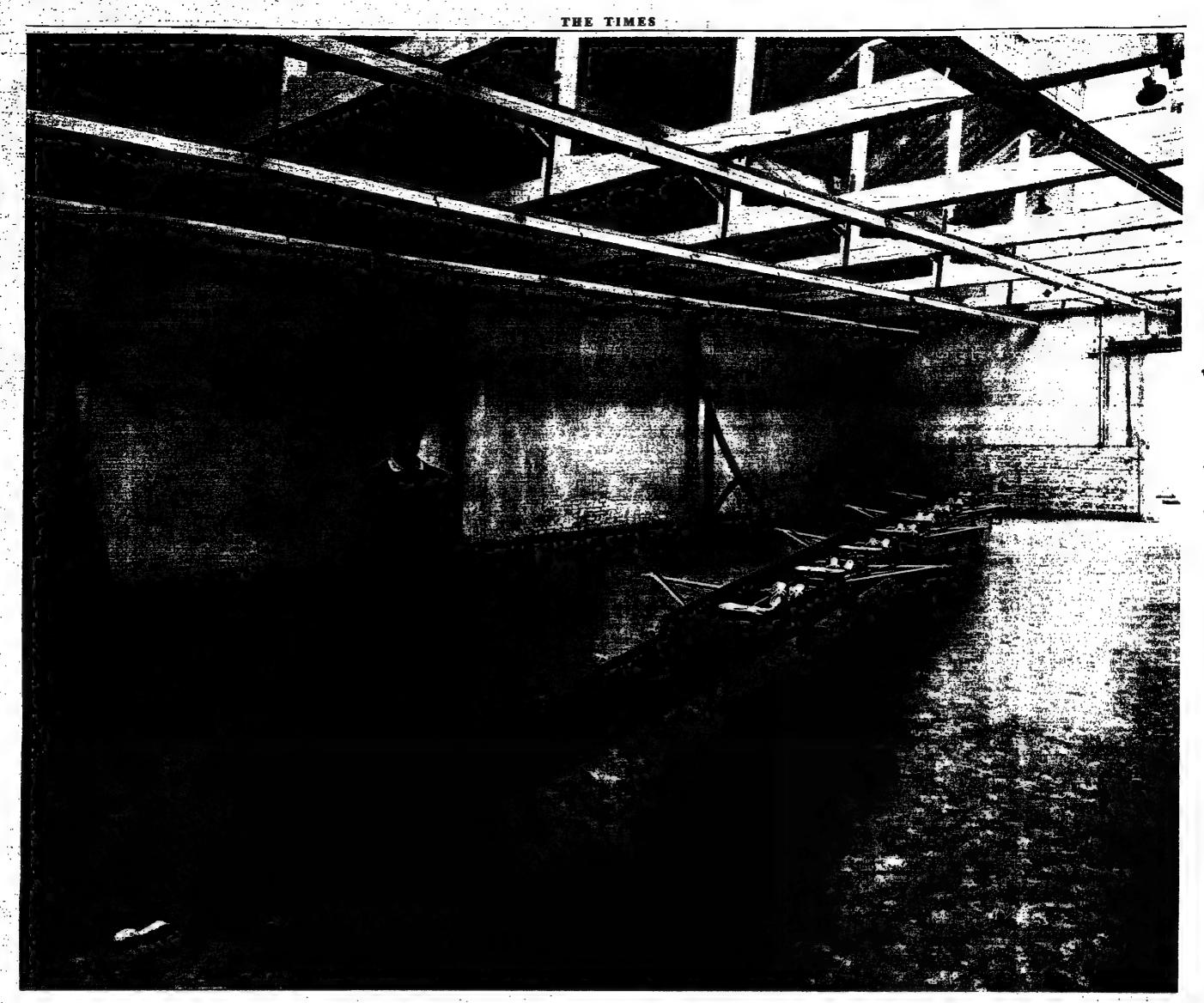
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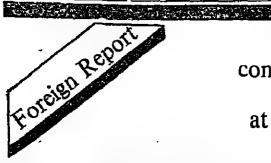
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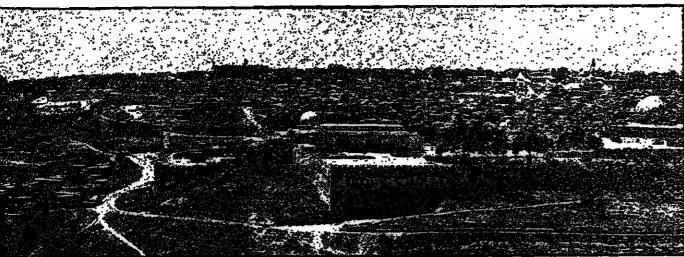
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As the Cairo conference draws closer two writers look at the Egyptian peace initiative



For nearly 30 years Israel has waited patiently for two things to happen which might help to give its people what they desire sincerely and ardently, a full and lasting peace. The two things needed were the emergence of an Arab leader prepared to talk to Israel, and the recognition—by at least one principal Arab state—that Israel was a sovereign, independent community and society with its own small but permanent place on the map of the Middle East. Year after year Israelis like Levi Eshkol and Abba Eban—manifestly men of peace—appealed for the chance, Just once, to begin a dialogue Just once, to begin a dialogue with one of Israel's Arab neighbours, the so-called "confrontation states". Their appeals were ignored, or rejected with

President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem has given Israel these two things so long denied. The breakthrough is historic, but in no sense final; all that it has proved so far is that it is pos-sible for one Arab leader to sible for one Arab leader to envisage true recognition of Israel (previous specious Arab statements about recognizing the "existence" of something called Israel meons next to nothing) and the feasibility or negotiating with Israel. Mr Sadat's gesture showed both courage and nobility; much more important, it showed the more important, it showed the sort of common sense which all too many Arab leaders have shunned in the past. What President Sadat was indicating was that Arabs and Jews can live rogether as neighbours and

live rogether as neighbours and friends, in their own way and their own right.

The Sadat visit has posed a tremendous challenge to Israel. The great majority of Israells know that a real, lasting peace with the Arab world must be breed as compromise. Israel is hased on compromise. Israel is no more able to enforce peace today, than after the brilliantly successful military campaigns of 1956 and 1967, or after the remarkable fight-back in 1973. Compromise will involve territory. The handing back of territory, won in wars which were forced upon Israel, means risking some element of Israel's security. It is all very well for pundits in Paris or London to tell the Israelis that holding territory does not necessarily give security either. What all Israelis know is that handing it back heightens the purely physical risks and dangers.

It follows that what Israelis want is total peace. Here, President Carter has been immensely helpful. He is the first world statesman who has stated, explicitly and repeated-ly, that nothing short of a rotal peace is acceptable. And that means full recognition of Israel by its Arab neighbours, the creation of diplomatic links between them, open frontiers and freedom of movement in the area. Anyring markedly short of these requirements will not constitute peace, but only another armistice-which can be broken at will.

It follows, again, that Israel is not seeking a separate peace treaty with Egypt, to the exclusion of peace on all of its frontiers. Arab fears that this could be so have been wildly overstated since President Sadat's visit, and in some cases have been used as a threadbare cloak to conceal a total rejecron of any idea or lasting peace hased on compromise. The Tripoli conference of the "rejectionist" Arab front is a miserable indictment of Arab rofusal to accept Israel's right of existence. In particular it has made the attitude of the

Palestine Liberation Organiza-How sedulously has the myth of the "moderate PLO" been propagated! Most moderate of all, according to so many com-mentators on the Middle East scene, has been Mr Yassir Arafat, head of the whole oreznization. Yet in March of this year Mr Arafat presided over the Palestine National Council meeting (in Cairo!) which reaffirmed the National Covenant and its denial of Israel's right of st nehood. In August the Central Council of the PLO confirmed the statement of March. In August-more appropriately, this time, in Damascus the Central Council said arecisely the same thing, and rejected "U.S. manoeuvres" and UN Security Council Resolution 242 into the bargain. this week, in Tripoli, the PLO has rejected the "manoeuvres" of President Sadat. Before Tripoli, it repeated its rejection

of Resolution 242. Yet the protogonists of the PLO—especially, some members of the British press—will rever cive up. What happened in Cairo in March and in Damascus in August, they will explain. is really outdated. And what happened in Tripoli was a mere oberration, an instinctive reac-

How wide is the Middle East gap now?

tion, on the spur of the moment. The Palestinians, so the argument runs, are peaceable people and PLO leadership has been accepted by them. Ergo: Arafat and his henchmen must be peaceable people too. The poet Christian Morgenstern, once postulated the thesis what ought to be, must be and is. The argument is both familiar, and futile.

Once again, in spite of the sense talked by both President Sadat and Mr Begin at their Jerusalem meeting, the Israelis are under fire. Their "crime", this time, is in ostensibly seeking a "separate" peace with Egypt (as if seeking peace, with anyone, can really be a crime at all!). This spuriously simat all i). This spurlously sim-plified explanation of the tactics of the Begin Government is totally beside the point. Israel wants peace with all of its neighbours; peace must be negotiated with each of them. Israel, in fact, has to pursue two avenues to peace, in searching for an overall settlement with all of its neighbours and negotiating bilateral treaties with them individually.

There is nothing sinister in this dual objective. Israel's differences with Egypt—if real differences exist at all—lie in the deserts of Sinai. With Syria. Israel must resolve the problem of finding a secure frontier somewhere on the Golan Heights, once a granary under Roman rule and used by Syria up to 1967 as a military vantage point from which to bombard peaceful Israeli settlements in Galilec. Where the West Bank is concerned, there is a triangular problem, involving Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian population of the area. Bilateral negotiations have to begin some-time; there is no reason why they should not start between Israel and Egypt. Of course, Egypt has a complete right not to sign a treaty with Israel, un-til the overall Middle East settlement has been achieved.

Israelis understand this very well; they merely want to begin peace talks which have been denied them since 1948. The wild accusations made against Egypt at the Tripoli Conterence are out of place; Sadat has scrupulously sup-ported basic Arab aims—to secure Israeli withdrawal from territories won in 1967 and to support the rights of the Palestinians. Sadat has shown bim-self to be the protagonist of peace; the "rejectionist" states of Syria, Libya, Algeria and the South Yemen want the continuation of armed struggle and the destruction of the State of Israel. So does the PLO, which may indeed be the quasi-official representative of the Palestinian people but is utterly unrepresentative of the need and wish of a very great many Palestinians and other Arabs

for peace.
Israel's Prime Minister has been accused of failure to make concessions to Sadat. One wonders what concessions ought to be made, before peace negotiations even begin. Mr Begin welcomed President Sadat to Jerusalem; he would doubtless have willingly accepadontiess have withingly accepted a return invitation to Cairo, but none has been given so far. He has nominated his delegates for the Cairo pre-liminary talks on peace, and he appealed in London this week to outside powers not to intervene simply in order to see in vene simply in order to get in on the act. Like every one of his predecessors. Mr Fean knows that the only peace which that "sich" is one free nemtiated between disputants; any agreement imposed by outside powers could, and would be denounced at will by one or other Middle East state.

Mr Sadat has very properly been praised; but the outside world should recognize that this is a moment of truth for Israel too. One look at the map tells all. Israel is a dot on it, sur-rounded by an immeasurably more powerful Arab world. Israel will, indeed, have to take risks for peace; it deserves the encouragement of the outside world, not its criticism. The Arabs can afford to lose a dozen campaigns, but for Israel one misplaced risk could mean the destruction of its state and

■ Thanks to television and radio, the bonhomie, smiles and exhibitation of Jerusalem spread quickly to many parts of the world—with one exception, that world—with one exception, that of the Palestinian Arabs. They instead shed tears of sadness and anger at the sight of the leader of the biggest Arab country undertaking what was to them a journey of shame and autrender. A wasted journey, too, because Israeli politicians are made of different stuff to President Sadar, and are can-rious and calculating, and not likely to be swept off their feet by theatricals and histrionics.

Why such gloom when most people seem to think that adon's visit opened a new and hopeful chapter in the Middle East? To appreciate this one must understand the simple fact that the problem which Sadat purported to try to solve was the Palestine problem, by defi-ution the problem of the Palestinions But the Palestinians— all three million of them—were purposely excluded by the isroelis and President Sadat. Although their forest-pless had inhabited the country for more than 14 centuries without interruption, and were a 90 per cent majority only 50 years ago, they were described in Mr Begin's speech to the Knesset as merely the Ambs in the Land of Israel". He took their country and abolished its name—and President Sadat joined in the

The Egyptian President's speech contained many things with which the Areb man in the street would not disagree, such as recitals of principles of morals, and human rights, and quotations from the Koran. But surely President Sadat did not to Jerusalem merely to make this speech, for he could have neade it on Egypten television. In Cairo, and relayed it to Jerusalem. He went for some-thing clse, and it is that which mystifies and pains the Arabs.

President Sadat is a religious man. One wonders why he has unpeared to forget one cardinal. democratic principle of the Koran which enjoins upon a important matters (" and consult them in importent marters", the Prophet Mohemmad told by the Almighty (3-1571)

The problem of Palastine has for more than half a century now been the problem of all the Arabs—they are all in it together. What right has Presi-dent Sadre to act unlinterally, and without consulting his fellow Arabs and the Palest nines or even his own Egyptian advisors? He had a chance to discuss his proposed plan with his collectues at the Arab Foreign Ministers conference in Tunis the previous week. Instead he ensured the pesthone ment of an Arch summit until February—a deliberate move, perhaps, to gain time for him-self to pursue his independent line, unchecked and un-

moderated. The Israeli Foreign Minister negotiated with President Car-ter the exact terms of a "work-ing paper" as the basis for ing paper" as the basis for negotiations in Geneva, and thereby ensured that they pro-ceed only on acceptable lines. President Sadat, however, plunged headlong into a negotiation process, and put at stake the fate of the entire Arab nzion. During his stay in Juruselem

During his stay in Jurus in President Sadat made a point of visiting Yad Veshem, which records the sufferings of the Jews in history. But the Arabs have never been responsible for the misfortunes of the Jews. And rather than seek to inform history of the president. himself of the past. President Sadat should have acquainted himself with the present with the agonizing and miserable conditions of the Polestinions in refugee cortos and in terri-tory occupied by the Israelis A special United Nations aroun on human rights in Israelioccupied territory said earlier this month that "the most fun-domental human richts of the Arch population were being violated", and they listed such things as "alarming prison condutions increasing use of unnecessary force against demonstrators, and abuse of interrogation procedures." And Terence Prittie and many weeks ago, als a the

United Nations General Assembly by 131 votes to 1 (that of Israel) condemned Israeli illegal and inhumane practices against Palestinian Arabs in occupied territory. With all against references. With all this in mind, President Sadat needed a very long spoon indeed to sup with the Israeli lendors.

leaders. President Sadat laid a wreath on the romb of the Israeli un-known soldier in Jerusalem. But known soldier in Jerusalem. But the Palestinians have hardly had time to bury more then a hundred civilians killed by the bombs which his hosts had dropped un refugae camps in the Lebanon. He dld this act of homege to the Israelis dur-ing the Muslim 'ld al-Adha when traditionally families visit when tradicionally femilies visit the graves of their dead. He did it as if to gratuitously add insult to injury.

One more item to add to this Indictment. President Sodat goes into discussions with the Israeli authorities and promises unilaterally, and beforehand. never to resort to war, and to upen all avenues of cooperation with the Israelis. What can be possibly hope for when he has prostrated himself and surrendered all his trump cards and unconditionally offered benefits

and inducements to the enemy? The United Nations has, ever since 1947, recognized for the Palestinian Arabs certain lu-alienable and fundamental human rights. Recently these have been described by President Carter and others as the "legitimate rights" for a home-land. The Palestinians' claim to a place of refuge from misery and persecution, and from death (as in Jordan in 1970 and Lebanon these last two years) is more pressing than that of the Jews after the holocaust. President Sudat in going to

Israel was apparently seeking to obtain for the Egyptian people relief from the un-doubted economic and social problems which they have suf-fered as a result of the sacri-ficas they have made in the war with Israel . Although he has meanwhile expressed loyalty to the ultimate cause of the Arabs and the Palestinians, it is obvious that he is seeking to do a deal which may be beneficial to Egypt in the short term. But he is mistaken about the long term. There would be no real gain for Egypt if the plight and misery of the Palestinians consimilar to this in the past in the Sinai disputatement agreements, but this has exacerbated the main problem and placed the Palestinians and the Syrians in a more difficult situation by relieving the urgency and the pressure on the Israelis to concede a comprehensive solution on the basis of law and justice. Now President Sadat has invited everybody to Cairo in circumstances which he knew that all (with the exception of the United States) would be unlikely to come. He then proceeded to appoint various individuals to attend instead of the PLO as representatives of the PLO. Yet only three years ago President Sadat was the main sponsor of a resolution adopted unanimously at the Arab Summit in Robat designating the PLO as the sale legitimate representative of the Paleatinian people—a resolution people—a resolution meticulously respected vince by the United Nations and other

international bodies. What the Palestinians aspire to is what all other peoples in the world want—alleviation of their misery, self determination and an honourable future. Mr Begin maligns them for this and questions their motive; when he says that in the Charter of the PLO the Palestinians claim that they want to eventually establish the unity and integrity of their homeland. But Yasir highest level have formally declared more than once that they would coucede for the Israelis security and the right to free life in full measure.

The unity of the Palestinians homeland is a dream which, if Mr Ecgin but knew, would ultimately serve the interests of both Arab and Jew alike. What the Arabs have proclaimed re-pertedly in recent years is that the land of Palestine should become a hi-national state, a homeland equally for Arabs and lew to live peacefully as equal citizens, and that the exclusively Jewish political struc-ture of Israel should be ended. This is the kind of dream which other people have entertained.
Mr Begin is deluding himself and the Jews of I rack and the rest of the world ten, if he thinks that the Palestine prob-lem is just going to go river. What he and President Sadat have now done is to open a new, and more bitter chapter in this tragedy.

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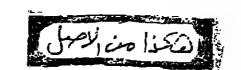
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The rite begins. The gop star trades T shirts and a record of his voice (first pres-ing) for William books. the cheery fellow takes over and the general goods change hands. "That becomes years, and that becomes yours". A skateboard for a scalemnic car. A pair of sap dencing shoes (size 2) for a Cluedo set.

(size 2) for a Cluedo set.
Such was the scene on Swaporama a few weeks ago: barring rain, frost, floods or other acts of God, such may be the scene somewhere else in England at the same time tomorrow morning. Multi-coloured Swap Shop, of which this perambulant sacramest is the karnel, must be rapidly establishing itself as a fixed point in itsendle Britain's fixed point in severile Britain's

subconscious.

It has its competitors, of course, in the noble cause of emicing children indoors for a sizeable chunk of their weekgreense those who live in and ground London may alterna-tively plug into Our Show. A mere dozen hours of random weeking may not be much time to devote to these bugely popu-lar art forms, but after even this short span some general patterns emerge.

Both programmes inhabit to

world of flying, ski-ing, canoe-ing, climbing, scrambling rally driving, football, pop and pet animals. Both offer a mixture of carroon films, competitions and quizzes with paizes, and inter-rious with showbiz folk. Both strempt to book their viewers into a long-running, long-range televisual party, and to keep them there. The differences between them stem partly from

their respective broadcasting

Noel Edwands, the radio voice which makes the hands of the clock race round at shaving time, is the compère of Swap Show. His style on Saturday is a curious amalgam of avuncularity and flirtatiousness, laced sometimes with an agreeable wir. Little Cheggers, his medical hearthman lacente. his mobile henchman, laughs, gurgles and beats his tray fists together like a traby on the old-fushioned Cow and Gare time. The conscientious John Craven selects Shangers of the Week from the serious writers and phoners in with their urgent numentarian messages, and a constat procession of glamorous and/or interesting guests file through the studios. (And some really are interesting: Professor Richard Gregory, polymathic popularizer of the scientifically extraordinary, should be good value tomorrow.)

But do I detect a developan hosts? Last Saturday all the interviews, all the ouiz questions and all the repartee spoke as one voice softly saying:

"We are exciting and lovable: love us, and be excited". Watch it, Noel.

Watch it, Noel.

We sall know how children (and achies) love to identify with heroes on the box: Our Show, after regularly kicking off with the sunny, soppy and altogether irresistible Sesame Street, makes that job an easy one. Here the adults come on only as guests: the infant compères steer things with great humour and sulomb. amour and aplomb.

The show is indeed a bir Young-Visiter-like—all those carefully caricatused mannercarerumy concaused manner; is me from transetlentic edult exemplars—and I suspect the five stars run as good a risk of later turning into mousters as they do into marvels. But there is something so genuine about their interviewing—what is is like to be a later of the start of t is it like to be a . .? How do you manage to . .?—and something so infectious about their enthusiasms, these criticism is disarmed.

Except, of course, for the big percental one: should children be hooked in this way? Myself, I do not think it is too gravs a problem. Audience perticipation in Swap Shop at least is very high. And look at the things these children's parents are hooked on syrrything from intellectually Neandarthal

Stuttgart's chance for young choreographers

How many companies of international standing can you imag-reality that make up the ine doing what the Stuttgart heroine's life. netional standing can you imag-ine doing what the Stuttgart Ballet has devised for this season? Two complete triple-bill evenings are being devoted to creations by unknown young choreographers. On all sides we hear the perennial complaint that choreographers are scarce; here is something practical be-

Marcia Haydee ser for herself on taking charge of the com-pany, as she declared at the time in an interview on this page. But such pledges are not always: so quickly redeemed.
Last season was spent bringing on the young dancers by entrusting many of them with new roles; the results of that show happily in the first of this show happily happily the first of this show happily happily the first of the show happily happily the first of the show happily happily the show happily happily the show happily h season's new programmes. Now the emphasis is back where the Storgart Ballet has preferred it for the two decades since John Cranko made the company

in a way, the importance of the new programme is simply that it was given at all. The three aspirants were allowed their pick of the dancers; they had proper rehearsal time and their own choice of designer. that takes the venture right outside the limitations of workshop evenings elsewhere. Even if all three ballets had flopped, the attempt would have deserved admiration. In isct, all three were bold in concaption and confident in execubot still worth showing.

To underline any moral we might read into it, one of the charcographers is English, Rosemary Helliwell. She used Frank Martin's Concerto for seven brass instruments, tympani, percussion and string otchestra, excellently played by soloiste from the Stuttgart Occhestra under Francis Rainey Kenneth MacMillan and Peter Barrell both used that music previously, respectively for The Barrow and The Scarlet Patterale. Odd that a purely abstract scare should inspire three 'chiredgraphers to works each with a strongly dramatic situation aithough in all other respects quite unlike one another.

The new ballet, Mirage, is about a woman who spends her life running from one cage to another, trapped in turn by family, husband, lover. Because the woman has a hysterical hature, the ballet turns out slightly hysterical too, but it provides a fine role for Haydee as the woman, tearing herself apart in anguish that is expressed in images of jagged angu-

larity.

Jossi Kidouchim's designs, a stylized evocation of the 1920s, and the socal artitudes of the characters set the work firmly before the in a period long before the Dyear-old choreographer was born. It suits the mixture of



Helliwell's greet virtue in this work is to tell har story clearly in dence, something too rare even in experienced choreographers to be taken for granted. The plot develops mainly in duets, with Reid Anderson as the pompous husband and Christopher Bosz-pricht as the foriumating hyperand a big ensemble for Hayde and a group of men as the climax. But the heroine's solor and a fast trio for her child-hood friends are equally expres-

Wilkem Foreythe calls has ballet flore subsimplici. The avoidance of capital letters is perhaps to call attention to the modesty of the humble wild rose that has inspired some of his patterns. Indeed, much of the movement is based on the growth of plants, but that is a matter of organization, for the creator's own benefit. What he has devised an attractive display of dancing to a slightly abbreviated version of two of Handel's Concern Grossi Op 6

(No 7 shorn of its andante, fol-lowed by No 5).

If Forsythe had pruned his dance invention by about half and allowed the remainder more room to breathe, this would have been a better ballet. erhaps he should have taken his garden inspiration more to heart! But he does have green fingers when it comes to show-ing off his dancers.

The spectacular adaglo work seemed to me often too obviously contrived, but it was obviously contrived, but it was done with great aplomb by four of the young leading dancers: Lucia Montagnon (the former Lucia Isenring now using her married name) with Kurt Speker, and Elleen Brady with Barry Ingham. The best dances are the fast solos, not only for these four but for two female quartets, full of variety and surprise.

Although I found less to

Although I found less to enjoy in the third work, Innere Not, it is fair to record that other observers found it the best of the evening. The "inner need " of the title is that of the artist, in this case specifically that of the composer Anton Bruckner. The adagio of his seventh symphony provides the basis of a densely involved choreography by Patrice Montagnon in which four men seem to represent different aspects of the composer.

With Richard Cragun, Egon Madsen, Vladimir Klos and Reid Anderson dancing those parts, you could be sure the work would sustain some interest, especially as the leading women (muses, perhaps?) were Marcia Haydée and Birgit Keil. But I do not think Montagnon made his ideas clear, and the use of a large supporting ensemble made the baller look to me like an un-inspired imitation of Béjart

and Neumeier. Differences about the success of individual works there might be, but nobody seemed in doubt about the worth of the evening as a whole. It would hardly have been possible without the existence in Stuttgart of a club the Noverre Society, that for nearly 20 years has presented mannées of new works as often as possible. That provided the foundation for the larger

John Percival | The Nutcracker, in the new pro-



A Woman of Paris: Adolphe Menjou and Edna Purviance

Tunisian film of doomed society

Hyaena's Sun (aa) Minema. Knightsbridge

The Chess Players (London Film Festival)

A Woman of Paris (London Film Festival)

It is a tribute to the London Film Festival's 21-year effort to help build an audience for foreign-sanguage films that the films it shows seem each year to come more rapidly into commercial distribution. More than a third of the 80 or so films shown this year are are exceedy promised release in In the country. Stroszek and Jonas Who Will be 25 in the pear 2000 will open in the new year. Chinese Rouletts has year. Chinese Roulette has already been shown on BBC2's Screen International. This week the Minema in Knights-bridge presents one of the less publicited finds of the festival, Hyaena's Sun, a Tunislan-Dutch co-production and the first festure by a 29-year-old Tunislan director. Ridha Behi.

The first Tunisian film to achieve distribution in this country, it is an aggressive statement of a Third World resemment; but the polemic is not allowed to exclude the human faces of the soary or the evidence of a highly developed film sense. Since independemic, says the film, North African states have depended on the economics of nourism as a means to combat under-derelegant to compar under-de-velopment: ironically these economics can also imply new forms of cultural colonicita-tion. This is the story of a fishing village which has pre-served its old economic and social orders, its own rhythm of existence, its ecological equilibrium. It is not an idyll, but it is a way of life, in which sickness and danger are facts, like the sun and the fish which are harvested.

The son attracts the touriet speculators, who buy up the land and create a vast German-financed holiday complex. The fisherfolk leave their boats to work on the construction, and when it is finished either staff the place or become local colour for the tourists. Their boats become idle. The traditional use of the beach is denied to the locals; and the paternalism of the invaders becomes heapier-handed at the first signs of protest.

The strength of Ridha Behi's screenplay is that this corrup-

tion and destruction of a small independent society is shown not as something conscious or vicious, but just a natural evo-

Globe Unity Orchestra

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Richard Williams

Alexander von Schlippenbach's "Globe Unity", composed and recorded in 1966, was among the first works to attempt collecrive improvization for a large jazz orchestra. Probably preeded in chis difficult endea only by Sun Ra and John Coltrane, von Schlippenbach found his solution in fairly simple rules and guidelines through which he directed the ferocious energies of his young German

musicians. Disappointingly, he has never moved on to more sophisticated methods, and the procedures of the orchestra (which took its title from that initial piece and has become steadily more cosmopolitan over the years) has recently seemed stylized.

On Wednesday, in its London debut, ir presented the familiar confection of total improviza-tion paragraphed occasionally

boyishly spluttering cornet and rather arbitrarily a magnificent passage wherein hind the banal flute of Gerd Dudek, the horns gradually built a harmonically ambiguous cluster of pedal-points, to an utterly malevolent climax.

triumph.

duction sponsored by National Festival Ballet's Westminster Bank which was Nutcracker first presented last Christmas. Festival Ballet will again be returning to London for their traditional Christmas season of The first performance at the Festival Hall will be on Decem-

lution, given certain condi-tions. The speculators are pro-viding a service and making a given certain condi- that kinks the several threads of the action—the chess players, the effects, sophisti-cated court; the bull-headed British Resident (Richard profit: the authorities welcome profit; the authorities welcome the economic advantage to the stream and are as innocent of iti in-tentious as they are ignorant of the society which they observe and photograph as un-comprehending voyeurs; the vilkagers complacently

The film-makers relate that life overtook art. They shot the film on three locations—a fully developed German tourist centre; a construction site, and an untouched village. By the time the filming was through however, the developers had siready reached the village.

Two other festivel films deserve release in this country. Saryedit Ray's The Chess Satyejit: Ray's The Chess-Players, which had its world premiere at the London Festi-val, is also a study of a doomed society. It is set in Lucknow, capital of Avadh, in 1856. The Naweb of Avadh is more given to poetry and music and dence then to politary excouragement to the Gov-ing which provides the necess-ical machinetions—a shortcomermor General and the British East India Company to annex his state on behalf of the

Queen Rey has adapted his film from a short story by Prem-chand, in which the pleasant last days of the Nawab's reign are played away by two rich lagidars obsessed with the same of chess. Their king's neglect of political realities is reflected in their own pedients. reflected in their own neglect of their respective domestic kingdoms. One wife complains, while the other makes the most of her chances to daily with a handsome cousin. When the British takeover becomes the British takeover becomes imminent, the chess players prefer to evacuate their interminable game to the country, rather than risk losing time

fighting for the Nawab. The Chess Players is Ray's first film in the Hindi language (previously he has worked exclusively in Bengal). one persuasion to make a film for this much larger market was the possibility it offered him to use colour; and it is a film of wonderful, restrained opulence, whether in the shim-mering interiors of the court and prosperous houses, or the india Company troops silhouses-ted against the sunset skyline ted against the sunset sky

With its easy pace and the gently sardonic commentary hastily invented ensemble

figures: all too often that produced the unedifying sound of 14 men roaring headlong through predictable crescen-

dos, leaving the finer moments

intimate groupings into which

Such a moment was the sub-dued, but lustrous trio by Albert Mangelsdorff, Paul Rutherford and Gunter Christ-

mann, all trombonists who have,

in their contrasting ways, ex-

tended the instrument's pre-viously limited vocabulary.

Christmann's subsequent duet with the percussionist, Paul

Also noteworthy, within the periods of chaos and indecision,

were the habitual and invigorat-

ing violence of Evan Parker's saxophones, von Schlippenbach's scampering piano, Marc Charig's

ber 26, and the season continues

until January 14.

was a particular

the smaller and more

orchestra frequently

somewhere in Eastern Europe), the prologue title Attendorough) impatient to settle things once and for all—the film combines something of the elegiac regret for a lost Europe), the prologue title which, in the manner of the Twenties, introduced the film, has been cut. It said, as I recall it, "Humanity is comgrace of Ray's The Music Room, with a sharper comedy. comprehending voyeurs; the villagers complacently stand outside the wire perimeter seed Jaffrey, the actor who rences and gratefully accept the pickings. In a final confrontation, the man who resists (and goes to jell for it) and who would be King. (and goes to jell for it) and who would be King. (and goes to jell for it) and who would be King. (and goes to jell for it) and who compromises (the strong and wise man of the village, now monkeyed to the trame, tempted to cheet a pewn; or a wife caught red-bearded with her lover thinks up an explanation so ourregious st to be unquestionable, Ray touches the same straid of comedy as in Days and Nights in the Forest. posed not of heroes and villains, but of men and women
... They sin only in blindness, and the ignorant condemn their mistakes, but the wise Chaplin's comic vision, as this film dramatically reveals, him an exceptional perception of men and women and what they are about. Pur-viance's Marie St Clair has not dated or lost any of her charm; there is no questioning

in the Forest. The London Festival closed with a revival of a film that has been no more than a legend for over 50 years, during which time its director, Charles Chaplin, would never permit it to be screened. Now he has re-released it wish a music accompaniment of always interposes misunder-appropriate period style, which he himself devised at the age is the victim of men who are

Hers than her match: her own Woman of Paris was puritanical father who turns in 1922-23, and was the her out; her boy friend's film Chaplin made in father who opposes their maxwhich he did not sur the makes a brief walk-on appearance as a railway porter who struggles with a vast who struggles with a vast trunk and then nonchainthy hards it to the ground). The film was intended to make a star of Chapfin's loyal and beautiful leading hady. Edna Purviance, but failed in its aim—probably because Purviance's restraint was decades about of her time. She was no make only two more films, the lost Josef von Susruberg feature. The Woman of the Sexuproduced by Chapfin, and produced by Chaplin, and L'Education du Prince, made in France.

Despite poor commercial succass on its original release. A Woman of Paris was one of the most influential films of the time. Its allusive and elisive treatment of comedy of manners anticipated Ernst Lubitsch's first social comedy, The Marriage Circle, by some months. It is interesting too, that all four of Chaplin's assistant directors on the film, Eddie Sutherland, Monta Bell, Jean de Limur and Henri d'Ab-balie d'Arrast, became suc-cessful directors of sophisticated comedy.

The delicacy with which Chaplin's film sketches and suggests its story (a country Stand Together, a piece of Agitprop about Grunwick, made by the "Newsreel Collec-tive". The Grunwick strike girl is driven by circumstances and enabled by cherin to become a great Parisian cour-tesan; a chance meeting with her former lover precipitates a tragedy and her consequent renunciation of a life of pleasure) was partly dictated by the swict moral codes of the

BBC SO/Boulez Festival Hall/Radio 3

Paul Griffiths

Wednesday's BBC Symphony Orchestra concert under Pierre Boulez began with a Wagner rarity, his Das Liebesmahl der Apostel (The Love Feast of the Apostles). This "Biblical scene " was written in 1843 as a festival piece for the malevoice choirs of Saxony: 1,200 singers are said to have taken part in its first performance, with an orchestra of 100. If the BBC forces were not

quite of those proportions, this performance did succeed in mounting to the bombast of the closing section. Before that the voices are heard unaccompanied, 12 basses representing the Apostles and three fourpart choirs the multitude of believers in Wagner's own-paraphrase from the fourth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

pilgrims chorus theme in Tann-räuser which was to be Wagner's next work, and one may perhaps discover foretastes of Parsifal. The thing is, however, hastily put together, and it is no surprise to learn that Wagner hamself thought little This curious programme of Germanic religious music was

completed by two Schoenberg works, the brief Prelude to Genesis of 1945 and Die Jakobsleiter. Like the opera Moses und Aron...his oratorio was left a torso because Schoenherg could not achieve that affirma-tion of faith that Wagner makes so recklessly in Des Liebesmahl

Yet it is still a work of stern moral force, and it was the lack of the appropriate sustained power that I most missed in this performance, except in Siegmund Nimsgern's strenuous Gabriel. Mady Mesplé sounded more like Lakmé than a soul in ecstasy, and Mr Boulez med to sympathize with one of the backsliders, a part At times the music points to-wards the operas: the big rune who preferred beauty to truth.

As usual there will be an and Elisabetta Terabust will opportunity to see several dance the role of Louise, and different casts in the two lead Patrice Bart, Peter Breuer, roles: Manola Asensio, Liliana Nicholas Johnson, Kenneth Mcroles: Manola Asensio, Liliana Nicholas Johnson, Belfiore; Eva Evdokimova, Combie, Peter Sc Carole Hill, Vivien Loeben, Fréderic Werner Noleen Nicol, Patricia Ruanne Nutracker Prince. Nicholas Johnson, Kenneth Mc-Combie, Peter Schaofuss and Frederic Werner that of the

A buccaneer for Christmas

Drake's Dream Shaftesbury

Irving Wardle

Off we start on Plymouth Hoe, with a bunch of tourists sparing five minutes with our best-known bowls player before doing Cornwall, when lo and behold the statue is cranked aloft on stout wires and up-clambers Paul Jones in doublet and hose to offer the rubber-neckers the chance of a trip round the world instead of a cream tea in Looe.

As far as stage magic goes, that tells you all you need to know about Nicholas Young's production which is mostly set on board Angela Muhl's Golden Hinde, a tragile vessel with wobbly masts, covered in shiny full that reflects from of house lights straight back into the udience's eyes. This "family entertainment"

is the joint work of Lynne and Richard Riley (music and lyrics) and Simon Brett whose ok at least revives respect. for the Victorian extravaganza writers. In Mr Brett's hands extravaganza is simply a means of hedging his bets. Drake's three-year circumnavigation of the globe may be a good story but will it interest all the

Mr Brett patches it up with a sub-plot about an insatiable tart called Rosa, breaks it up with Tudor television commercials for washing machines and herbal remedies and lets the Spanish King put through impassioned pay-telephone calls to Elizabeth until he runs out of money. When Drake drops in at the Spice Islands, the local ruler (the toweringly impressive Earl Jordan) greets him as a 1960s hipster. Needless to say, when we reach the final number, Drake turns into a pop

Meanwhile what about the main story? What we get is a jovial narrative of a patriotic buccaneer who robs his way round the world, thrusting Bibles on any natives who cross his path, executing crew mem-bers who incur his displeasure and finally receiving a knight-

mod.
In these days, even in family entertainment, this kind of career deserves a bit of exami-nation. But Mr Brett handles it with a carefree innocence redolent of the beyday of Errol Flyna (to whom Air Jones's performance bears a smudged resemblance), insisting on the hero's charm no matter what he is up to; and casting the unlucky Spanish monarch as a villain (Bill Bradley makes virtually every entrance with a melodramatic hiss) in spite of the fact that he is clearly the the fact that he is clearly the

wounded party.

The songs (which make an unmerrical contrast with Mr Brett's pantomine couplets) widen the gap with emptily booming ballads on the themes of married love and romanic new horizons are though no new horizons, as though no thought of plunder ever entered the hero's head. With this one our of the way, I feel I have nothing to fear from the other Christmas shows.

Dalibor

time. Even so the film was

the film (in an illicit copy,

bachelor in Poris,

riage; the boy friend himself, weak, indecisive and finally a

suicide. The only man who can match her in personality is the

subtle performance which per-manently typed Adolphe Men-jou as the elegant roue),

clever, ruthless, and able to

anticipate her needs and desires and fears.

Though expressed in terms of Victorian melodrems (she dedicates herself finally to the

care of orphan children, Marie's decision to start life anew as an, as it were, un-married mother gives Chaplin's

54-year-old masterpiece a spartlingly modern feminist

Two presentations as yet un-

Programmes next week

seen look worthy of attention. The GLAA-supported lunch-

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The Other Cinema; Thursdays

appealing for the £25,000 it needs to survive, is presenting from tonight for one week

committee will be at tomorrow's 8.45 show, eager for

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chool, Shelton Street).

The Other Cinema,

International Film

David Robinson

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Since the first time I saw

Coliseum

William Mann

One of Charles Mackerras's one of Charles Mackerras's most worthwhile rescue operanons during his years with the English National Opera has been Smetana's Dailbor, last year's new production of which was revived on Wednesday. Although not generally familiar to British operapeers it can safely be recommended as a result. be recommended as a rescue opera in the Fidelio tradition (alas, the rescue misfires with tragic results), a stirring tale of heroism, eventful, set to noble, tender, and moving music, recognizably from the pen that composed The Bartered Bride and the Mu Vlast symphotic poems

or disbellef when, six months
after leaving the village and
the boy she thinks has abandoned her, she turns up again
as the mistress of the richest phonic poems.

John Blatchley's sensible,

atmospheric production for the

ENO is based on an ingenious adaptation of the multi-purpose set by Lazaridis, otherwise familiar from Euryanthe and The Royal Hunt of the Sun at the Collseom. The action hap-pens on two levels, prison bars are much in evidence, and there is room to deploy soloists and a sizable, vociferous chorus

without constraint.
The first act is with setting a scene of solemnity and doom, the last with escape, rescue, revolution and death: it is the central act which chiefly converts the unin-itlated to Dollbor (several quite knowledgeable friends asked, in

not an acknowledged repertory success). It begins with a rousing chorus (some raggedness in this performance), then proceeds to a pretty duet for the subsidiary pair of lovers, handsomely impersonated by Anne Conoley and Ramon Remedios (I wish she would not force her charming sourang voice as she charming soprano voice, as she did elsewhere).

The action moves into the jailhouse where Dalibor, grand-ly voiced by John Mirchinson, is proffered love and hope by his former accuser, now his former accuser, now swayed to his cause and disguised as a boy (she is Anne Evans, clean and warm of voice, very persuasive in appearance); their love duet is, and was in this performance, the musical acme of the work, although there is also striking music for the jaller (a delightful, somerimes touching, part for Harold Blackburn) and the captain of the guard (Malcolm Rivers in sinister, sudistic

Fortunately for the audience Mr Mackerras is still on hand to conduct an orchestrally splendid, and everywhere stylish account of Smetana's score. Much of the production's atmosphere is the production's atmosphere is the production's atmosphere. phere is due to David Hersey's tactful lighting. I quietly cursed the stage hands for noisy scane-changing during quiet musical interludes (doubtiess cursed Smetana for not maintaining a fortissimo), and wondered why the King (Patrick Wheatley, an agreeable bari-tone) had to sit on the floor, knowledgeable friends asked in instead of a throne, for his aria the second interval, why it was about longing to be a shepherd.

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Hostility to Mr Fraser, but he still looks an election winner



Mr Fraser and Mr Whitlam

Liberal-Country Party coalition will retain office.

In the Upper House, it is possible that the result will be

close enough to delay a deci-sion until as late as Christmas.

The Australian Democrats, the

the balance of power there.
Indeed the Democrats'

Mr Fraser and his team was merely due to irritation at his

cavalier approach to calling an

campaign has been a affair with apparently

felbourne. to have presented a convincing Although the conservative solution. Instead, a public overnment's majority to the emphatically weary of too Although the conservative Government's majority to the Australian House of Representatives is likely to be drastically reduced, it is unlikely that the Australian Labour Party will win tomorrow's election.

After a shaky start to the campaign, with a string of upsets, the polls in the last week have constantly indicated emphatically weary of too many elections has taken more interest in such side issues as the embarrassing resignation of Mr Phillip Lynch, the Treasur-er, over alleged profiteering on

Neither leader has distinguished himself with a spark ling performance over the three-week campaign. Instead, each has given the appearance of being at pains to avoid trouble. Mr Whitlam has at least managed this with sucew centre party, seem to have distinct chance of holding cess, but Mr Fraser has found more hostility than he bar-gained for over the calling of leader, the former Liberal, Mr Don Chipp, could become the focal figure of the election with support growing, all the the election, and the repercus c'ons of the Lynch affair.

are five possible results. The first, and most likely, is that the Fraser Government will be no one particularly wanting an election spart from Mr Fraser returned himself, having declared his intention to hold a premature majorides in

election, he appeared at one stage to be in serious trouble, with opinious polls showing an lose its majority in the Senate, unexpected swing against the probaby with the Australian Democrats holding the balance Democrats holding the balance

elected to govern but the Liberal National Country Party coalition will retain control of election and at the Governthe senate. In the past week, ment's medicare handling of however, the notion of Labour

Fourth, Labour will win the from supporting Mr Gough right to govern but the Upper Whitlam, the Labour leader House will be controlled by immediately it seemed that he the Australian Democratismight actually win. In the past week not one opinion poll gave

him say hope of victory.

For a number of ressons the opinion polls could be mistaken but so far in Australia they have an impaccable of Lower House seats has been reduced from 127 to 124. cord reduced from 127 to 124.

Indisputably the most for persons be thouse he memorable aspect of this cam-paign has been the astonishing performance of the Australian another Democrats unheard of six through months ago. Their snowbaking



land speculation. The fledgling Democrats—certainly Mr Don Chipp—have played on public disenchantment with interweek have constantly indicated disenchantment with inter-that Mr Malcolm Fraser's party muck-raking over the

Assuming that the opinion polls may still be wrong, there

However, it now appears of power. that any resentment against Third, Labour the economy. Having regis- winning in the Lower House tered that protest, the electhes diminished.

The fifth possibility is that there could be an evenly divided House of represent-

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The early issues, such as unless the main post-election inhoment, inflation and terest will be affected in the submerged issue seizes the leadership of the sustained Lebour Party from Mr Whitlam.

Douglas Aiton

Now that we are well into pre-election politics...

The Tories should wait for Mr Callaghan to trip up in his dash for the right

Whenever the election itself comes, we are now well and truly into pre-election politics. Of that there should be no doubt. From now on everything the Government does will be with the aim of preparing the public mind for another period of Labour rule.

Likewise every move on the Conservative side has to be aimed at reminding people about the ugly restricted society another round of socialism would bring, the crushing damage it would inflict on a still convalescent economy and a combine the nightmare experi-ing from the nightmare experi-ences of 1975 and 76, and the better alternative which is on

The underlying position is highly favourable to the Conservatives. The entire intellec-tual climate has swung against tual climate has swung against collectivism, and not just against its extreme forms but against the whole socialist mentality—the ideas, the thought-processes, the vocabulary in which leftist aspirations have been clothed. Socialist bombast has become the finished metalicity for satira and ished material for satire and its purveyors the objects of healthy ridicule — although sometimes tinged with appre-

Listen to this, for example:

"There must be the positive eucouragement of growth and amalgamation in industries where real efficiency and new output could be increased by the creation of larger production must be some cases that tion units. In some cases that may involve the creation of companies which by expanding to optimum size dominate the market. Where it is the plain and obvious judgment that production is best organized on such a scale it is the Govern-

such a scale it is the Govern-ment's duty to allow—indeed, encourage, support and some-times even finance—the crea-tion of the monopoly."

This pessage (which comes from a recent lecture by Mr Roy Hattersley reprinted in The New Statesman) is not just

and obvious judgment", for a start?), it is absurd. It is the arriquated whirring sound of busybody collectivism for which the country has no further time at all.

No one in the Labour Party knows this better than Mr Callaghan. That is why he has so suddenly become concerned with smaller business and independent encerprise, and why the last thing about which he wants to hear at the moment, or wants anyone else outside to hear, is the creation of larger units, whether of production education, administration of any other kind.

The seven million workers in smaller enterprises, and the millions of small employers or self-employed have been rediscovered like a lost tribe and Mr Harold Lever placed at their head. Gone is all the talk of socialist reconstruction through collaboration with the TUC, the social contract and so on. Enter the small man's so on. Enter the small man's friend, hand ourstretched.

friend, hand outstretched.

The Prime Minister has another, rather cruder reason for putting as much distance as he can between himself and his more itchy-fingered interventionist colleagues. There is the question of who does what with the North Sea oil revenues. Some uncertainty there may be about the best way to ensure that the bulk of these go into solid assets which will continue earning income for the British long after the oil is finished. But about one thing Mr Callaghan must surely oil is innished. But about one thing Mr Callaghan must surely sense almost universal certainty. People are not going to stand by and cheer while their oil money is spent in accordance with the "the plain and obvious judgment" of Mr Hattersley, let alone that of Mr Wedgwood Benn.

If there is one pot above all others upon which Mr Calla-ghan must fervently want to keep the lid until election time

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it to the people in lower taxa-

the nation's borrowings.

Can he succeed? Of course a supreme effort will be made by the Labour leaders to dissociate from the left, keep the interventionists quiet, reassure the country that the wild men can be controlled, and generally to play the Baldwin card. Yet the odds against them pulling it off are enormous.

On the surface, it is true, Mr On the surface, it is true, Mr Callaghan has some things in his favour. The annual infla-tion rate will be declining until late next year from the intoler-sphere is the extraordinary passivity of the Labour Party in face of unemployment levels which are coing in Say which are going to stay depressingly high. The Govern-ment is about to do some further dismantling of the taxes imposed in the earlier "let imposed in the earlier "let them squeal" phase, although its efforts will still leave the burden much heavier than when it started. And there is a year sheed when living standards may at last rise a bit after fall-ing for so long.

But once the debate breaks beneath the surface—which is where the Conservative Opposi-tion must take if—the picture looks very different. There is first the sheer implausibility of

"investing" (ie, spending, for Mr Callaghau's dash for the there will be little return) the right. Public opinion has old money rather than returning changed but the Labour Party right. Public opinion has changed but the Labour Party has not. It can be relied upon to be the Opposition's best ally in undermining the Callaghan

waneuvre.
Whatever the demands of the moment the priorities of the Labour Party remain strongly in favour of more public spending enlarged state activity, more intervention, further egalitarian redistribution and the assertion of collective values over individual responsibility. values over responsibility

As Tony Crosland wrote long ago in the opposite context, "If we wish to change the present priorities, we must first change the present Government." The appearance of the North Sea revenues, far from being a bit of bad luck for the Conservative Opposition, is a most fortunate piece of political timing. It will throw into sharp relief the differing approaches rener the differing approaches of the parties in a way that speeches could never do and in a way that Mr Callaghan and Labour tacticisms would very much rather duck. It should, therefore, become a vast aid to the presentation of the Conservative case.

servative case.
Second, there are relations with the unions. Here we have what used to be Lebour's trump card. Yet as the days of confrontation unfold, with the Government dug in deep against

of similar struggles to come, is there anything left at all of the special relationship argument?

Nowadays the frequent ministerial references to the close TUC-Government lizison which would see us through are heard no more. We are back to Maginot percentages with a ven-geance. Although on the wrong ground, and in the wrong way, the reality is at last being faced—that the conflicts between group and community interest are there, between the money some groups want and the money which can prudently be made available, and that there can be no substitute for skill, judgment, subtlety and toughness in coping with each such

For the Conservatives, watching the Labour Government stand firm is like watching the incompetent generals of some weak from line ally in a common cause, as their factics are overwhelmed and their internal moral collapses. In the end it is not the Opposition who will let the Government down, not like last time. In the end, however many "they shall not pass" speeches "Marshal" Callaghan may make it is just such "allies" as these who will let everyone else down.

Then, third, there are differences of party attitude towards violence and public order—differences which could inflict critical damage on Labour, however strengers that the efforts to play the ef stance, it is apparently the view in much of the Labour Party that violence at Grunwick was inevitable in the view of some, may be, but as Angus Maude asked in a penerating Commons speech, was it right? How and when is violence ever right and justified in a free society in response to a grievance?

Or even in central Africa, to switch to another example from current Labour thinking, has it really been right, even if it

was asserted at one point to be inevitable, to build Britain's policy around the Patriotic Front guerrillas because they had the most guns and were the most violent? These are questions which events are going to force Labour to answer with a great deal more candour than hitherto between now and the election, and which Conserva-tive policy is bound to high-light.

Fourth, there is the embarrassment of the industrial strategy which has so persistently failed to connect with the real needs of industrial recovery. Mr Callachan and Mr. Healey may be full of talk about smaller business and management incentives these days, but tripartism and regeneration, that terrible due, are still hovering in the wings. The failure to spark of our ness confidence, to persuade entrepreneurs to put aside their caution and to employ people, expand and market new proand remains, so total that the grestion now arises whether a substantial business regiral can with a Labour Government and with the pattern of legislation and regulation that is bound to accommany it, with or without a lib-Lab nact.

As a basis for the Conservative electoral appeal such an for that. Conservative policy themes cannot be built abstract. They draw life and and attitudes they are designed to replace. The negative and photographic process. A further, article will look at the way in which these more nositive asnects of the Conservative case

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Bernard Levin

Can someone stem this flood before the coffers run dry?

have written frequently, over the years, about the apparently insatiable ust for taking away other people's money and spending it that possesses the members of so many local authorities in this country. At times it has seemed quite literally like demantia, as councils have planned schemes for municipal swimming baths, gymnasis, tennis-courts, golf courses, bowling-alleys, palaces of leisure, social clubs, adventure playgrounds, ski-jumps, sauns-baths, massage-parlours, skateboard arenas, aris centres, advice bureaux and in-deed every conceivable varisty of projects (including, of course, town balls) which slake, though for shorter and shorter periods, the frenzied thirst for vicarious expenditure that the councillors are suffering from. the councillors are suffering from. The Emperor Herostratus burned down the Temple of Dians at Ephesus in order to get his name into the history-books; Councillor Rumpell-Styltskynne of the Burbleton-on-Sea District Council takes the opposite view, and assuages his own timor mortis by causing to be erected, at public expense, monuments beside which that lost place of worship would in all likelihood assume the dimensions of a night-watchman's hut. And of all the councils in the country with a record for Innatic And or all the councils in the country with a record for Innatic extravagance on a quite exceptional scale, one of the most notable is the municipal authority of Camden. Camden Council, indeed, has almost become a kind of British Standard for municipal waste, folly, incomperence and legally authorized robbery, and the most extraordinary thing

about the scandal of Camden is that it does not involve corruption; I have never come upon any evidence at all to suggest that anyone in the authority, elected or employed, has ever left enough of the jam on his lingers for so much as a penny on stick to them. They have looted the ratepayers of the district in a manner which would have made Genghis Khan blush to contemplate, they have spent money at a rate which the most notorious Maharajah, Sheik or Teran millionaire would have considered mortally sinful, and not so much as a pot of paint has been diverted to the front door of a single one of them. They are the first entirely honest highwaymen in history.

Yet not sven Camden, as far as my Yet not even Camden, as far as my

researches have ever gone, have previously achieved enything on the scale of their latest contribution to the art of extracting moonbeams the art of extracting moonheams from cucumbers. It is reported in that admirable local newspaper, the "Ham and High" (correctly, but never, known as the Hampstead and Highgate Express), and concerns the cost of a municipal building project within the borough, to wit the Alexandra Road Estate. This plan, which is intended to provide \$20 dwellings, was this project as six millions. was originally costed at six million pounds when it was launched in 1973; it has so for waked up eighteen and a half million, and the end is not in a-half million, and the end is not in sight. (If every single one of the families who are to move into the new houses, should these ever be completed, had been given, outright and with no conditions attached, thirty thousand points to house them, selves it would have cost the rate-

payers of Camden a sum smaller by five millions than the amount they have so far spent on the scheme.) Yet this column, I must warn you, is not about the extravagance and ineffi-ciency implied by those figures, bur-abour something far more amazing. The development has already been richly productive of particularly Camdenesque scandals. The contrac-tors for instance, asked a year 180 tors, for instance, asked a year ago for the contract to be revised, as they were in financial difficulties; the Council agreed to re-write it, and Council agreed to re-write it, and have ever since concealed the new terms from the ratepayers, who provided the money and are now being saddled, without any say in the matter, with a completely open-ended commitment to finish the project whatever the cost (which seems likely to reach the twenty million mark quite soon). But even that is not the real thams of my contribution today. real theme of my contribution today.
What has finally convinced me that members of the majority group on Camden Council have seten of the insane root that takes the reason prisoner is the fact that they have (a) just discovered that the present cost is £1,239,000 higher than the books had hitherto shown, and that (b) they have no clear idea of why the money wasn't missed earlier, particularly wasn't missed earlier, particularly ticularly since some of the expendi-ture it concerns took place in the first stages of the project, four years

must ask the councillors of Camden now: whose money do they think they are using? Has the delirium of spending got such a hold on them that they now genuinely; believe that it is their own, so that they can just leave a sack of it hang-

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ing on a neil behind the door, and take out a fistful whenever they want a new toy for their borough? And if not, do they not even realize that the hopelessiy inadequate finanthat the hopelessly inadequate finan-cial cosmod that is inevitably implied by the belated discovery of an error of a million and a guarter pounds in the accounts represents a dereliction of sain dury which if it does not induce them to realign (a Camden councillor resigning because he has wasted other people's money is an example of what I believe linguistic milliosophera call

believe linguistic philosophers call-an "supty class", like a square-circle), ought at thy rate make them-pause to wonder whether there is not something seriously amiss with their view of what they are in office-for? Yet the extreme unlikelihand of their doing any such thing may be gauged from the fact that the council meeting at which the latest ourrage meeting at which the latest outrage was revealed went into secret session, lest the full details of what had happened might come to the knowledge of those whose money is being used to make good the incapacity of their elected representatives.

The fact is—and it is not exactly a newly-discovered one—that human beings will be less careful with other pennie's money than with their own; and perhaps the biggest single failure of local government in this country is its apparent inability to devise effective methods of mullifying the effect of such an attitude on people with insufficient strength of character to resist unaided the temptation ter to resist unaided the temptation of being left alone in Aladdin's Cave. And that the monstrous tale I have related is not however vast an iso-lated example of what Carden

Council gets up to can be seen from another story in the very same issue of the Ham and High, which recorded the latest stages in a long affair of

thair of housands, of pounds were spent by Transport Unit hiring vehicles for the Social Services Department without formal accounts being kept of the money. The saga was only discovered by council members—and has since been shoulded in searce—after a minimize the town dead and about and danbus was found abandoned and damaged montes after it had been lived by the council in 1975. The council paid the bus company over £1,000 to avoid littigation, and found that the officer who hired the bus had been warned four vears carlier for "losing" another loss, also costing Camaen over £1,400. And, despite contern over server officers when concern among senior officers about the lack of accounting by the unit. it continued running up hire charles well in excess of estimates until 1975, and the officer who was "corned" was trace promoted.

Here millions; there thousands; in

both cases the same worm is at work. gnaving away at the foundations of responsibility, not to mention the pockets of Camdon's ratepavers. If it is somebody else's money, it can be spent without limit, compunction or anybody bothering even to note what

snybody bothering even to note what it is being spent. It is being spent.

Bodies like Camden Council, which pour out the wealth of the people as a severed artery pours out blood, will sooner or later have to have a tourniquet applied, by statute or by the wrath of the mulcted. I hope it

Escargots.

plus grands

And now for the hors d'ocurres

whopper. The Science Re-

search Council is to give £9,000

for the study of snails on an obscure island in the Bristol

Channel Cuillin Bantock, of

the North London Polytechnic has shown that the island's

banded snails are abnormally

large (a gastronome's delight

po doubt) and differ from those

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"You did say" he said, "That even diamonds could be discreet."

Set into the dial, to mark each shining hour, were twelve diamonds. Chastely performing the function of figures on the face. | Fascinated, I picked up the watch. The

ends of the heavily textured bracelet dropped loosely through my fingers.

"But it's far too extravagant? I explained. He shrugged. "£3,945 is expensive," he concluded.

"But if you have any doubts ..." and before It, could try it on my wrist, he took it from me. And deftly dropped it into my glass of champagne. "It won't affect the

flavour," he laughed, seeing my concern, "It's 18 carat gold." "I hope it's champagne

proof," I returned. Suddenly anxious, he

lifted it from the glass. "They said it was water-

resistant," he said. A tiny bubble sparkled for an instant on the slender gold case. And was gone!



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Making a meal of international brotherhood

I uncerely hope that Mr Begin's stomach, upset during his visit to Britain, will do nothing to iessen the suoranational impact of a film I have just seen. Peror a finite have just seen ret-hrps, to redress the balance, we should remind ourselves that when President Sadat returned home from his historic trip to Istael, his digestive processes were still in tip-top working

The film is the latest in Shirley du Boulay's excellent Everyman series, and you can see it on BBC I on Sunday night. It is called Tasts and See, and it shows the role that food plays in the religious. and religio-social lives of Idwa. Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims, Buddhists and Christians.

The final sequence is an

erumenical supper party, hosted by Rabbi Lionel Blue, a dedi-cated gastronome, who is also convenor of the rabbinic court of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain. Members of all the faiths have listed sit round the same table and, except for a fasting Buddhist mank who sios only lemon juice, share a meal that does not offend their religious sensibilities.

Rabbi Blue's post-prandial summing up may sound simplistic to some, but I give it because, as he said to me later, he has applied the theory and it works: "You don't throw siogans at people who have



just passed you the sait and

The rabbi's humorous wisdom spills over from the film into the pages of a cockery book, A Taste of Heaven, he has partwritten. I quote from the preface: "Religious recipes must take the strain of the unexpected demand—the guest who orly God invited. They are, therefore recipes for wide pans and deep pots not for the danty portions served in solitude at separate tables." unde at separate tables."

Poetic bridge to ignorance

Robert Maxwell was in ebullient form yesterday. With reason. Not content with throwing a bridge between poetry and science, his Pergamon Press has landed one of the biggest catches of the book world's

First, the bridge. Pergamon's Encyclopaedia of Ignorance, is the work of 50 or so experts who hold forth, in not too technical language, on unsolved—but not unsolvable—scientific problems. The poetic connexion is provided by Ronald Imman who co-edited the work Duncan who co-edited the work with Miranda Weston-Smith, granddaughter of the great cosmologist E. A. Milne.

It was Mr Duncan, not Mr Maxisell, who thought up, and delivered, the bridge metaphor at yesterday's launching party, but I lost him when he said that as physics was poetry and so was chemistry, there was no abyss and, by inference, no need for a bridge.

reestablished contact with the proceedings when Mr Maxwell disclosed that later this month, Pergamon will pub-lish—ahead of the Soviet Union —a drastically revised English edition of Leonid Brezhnev's biography, complete with a special introduction by the Soviet leader himself. The anonymous authors are members of Moscowa Institute of



In a lifetime spent trying to decipher signatures at the bottom of letters, I have met my Waterlao on only very few occasions. The above, sent in to me by the Rev Bernard Croft of York; represents one of these occasions. You must take Mr Croft's word for it that what the writer is trying to say is that his name is large Cobban. He is not a deathy or now might have theirefly James Cobban. He is not a dertor, as you might have thought, but a retired headmaster. In a world that is already very complex, is there, I wonder, any need for such additional conundrums?

When plump is beautiful

For those of you who do nor like goose, I thought you would want to know that today sees the "heaviest turkey champion-ship" which will be followed by an auction of that august bird for Sparks—the show business charity for crippled children.

The record nurses weighed in The record turkey weighed in (back in 1975) at 71% 120z, Last year the winner was 711b 4oz, but went on to achieve another record when a butcher bid £1,000 at auction (the money

went to Sparks).
Yesterday, I asked Brian
Dale, the Shropshire turkey
farmer who won with "Mr
Chukie" in 1975, if he was.

Did you know that 10 million year. He was wary about reveal turkeys were gobbled up last mg his feeding tips (as if any one could benefit from them one could benefit from them mates, 11 million will be contact to has been jealously sumed.

Oh yes, the weigh in is deeply male chauvinistic and seems to be confined to venerable stag turkeys, most of which have sired plump birds (of both sexes) which have, unfortunately, cone the way of all flesh on the Christmas table.

"This is the first time that warration of this kind has been found in this species and it is of great interest to the theory of population evolution and species formation, Dr Bantock told me. He added that it seemed to fit in with Darwin's observation that large size is common where there are few predators.

on the mainland.

The island Steep Holme, wa bought last year as a nature preserve to be kept in memor of Kenneth Allsop, the author broadcaster and naturalist.

The stop-watches will be out next Monday when Radio 3 broadcasts two specially commissioned works for which three radio stations in Sweden, Germany and France will each provide one part of the music ensemble. The stations are in Stockholm, Bremen and Paris. Hans Keller, who chairs the international working party which plans European Broadcasting Union concert seasons, reckous the three groups will begin "on the second". Cynics may say it will not matter too much: both of the works to be performed are highly modern in character, including "meta music for organs, voices, electric guitars and percession."

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a Special Report

Need for an integrated national system

by Arthur Reed

Britain already has an management ted in the approximately doing an excellent and decades.

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Is there any serious rea-son why their control should BAA airports.

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Britain's airports system is major airports in Britain? Chance of Britain ever opening about to be remodelled for the years up to the end of such a policy would be two-the century, and probably fold. First local rivalries the century, and probably fold. First local rivalries the problems until the middle of which is to be issued by the 1960s, to expensive, competing extensive discussions with a parties.

The review is long over to due, for the last such surface with the pattern of a national airports system of a national airport which could, at a stroke, solve capacity problems until the middle of the next century. Pressure by the environmentalism, and the fact that there are no votes in airport extensions, have ruled out such due, for the last such surface of Britain?

The main advantages of ing another new "green field" airport which could, at a stroke, solve capacity problems until the middle of the next century. Pressure by the environmentalism, and the fact that there are no votes in airport extensions, have ruled out such due, for the last such surface of Britain?





without taking on large numbers of new staff.

Heathrow and many airlines, and certainly regional rate, such as the South-rate, such as the South-rate

there is consolation in the fact that as the new generation of airliners becomes bigger and quieter, the impact on communities of all this increased activity will be far less than was imagined even a few wasseness. The singulation had been made worse because the strike took place during the far less than was imagined even a few wasseness. In an effort to even out the strike took place during the force of the discovery of wing cracks. The singulation had been made worse because the strike took place during the force of the discovery of wing cracks. The singulation had been made worse because the strike took place during the force of the discovery of wing cracks. The singulation had been made worse because the strike took place during the strike took place durin

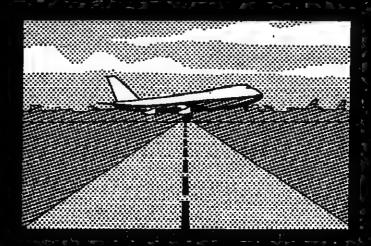
"They have certainly been in the doghouse as far as In an effort to even out that as traffic being carried would have to go to passengers are concarned the flow of passengers, the by the airlines resumed a sted and to Luton. The expansion plan for pleting the work is our lines about transferring some seginst a background of Heathrow had been complipationity at both airports at flights from terminals two recovery by the world have to go to be a resumed a sted and to Luton. The expansion plan for seginst a background of Heathrow had been complipationity at both airports at flights from terminals two recovery by the world have to go to be a recovery by the airlines resumed a sted and to Luton. The expansion plan for seginst a background of Heathrow had been complipationity at both airports at flights from terminals two recovery by the world cared, Mr Payne said he Government's recent deci-

If Heathrow returned to from Heathrow to Gatwick fourth terminal means that normal by next summer, how would also relieve some of long would it remain like the strain, and some traffic be even greater problems at that as traffic being carried would have to go to Stan-Heathrow", he told the comby the airlines resumed a sted and to Luton.

planning inquiry into the fourth terminal means that

increased transfers of air-lines to Garwick—greater than were originally en-

a year. By the 1990s the demand is expected to be by the early 1980s there will be even greater problems at Heathrow", he told the comments (including the build-"We believe there will be for Gatwick and at Stansted and



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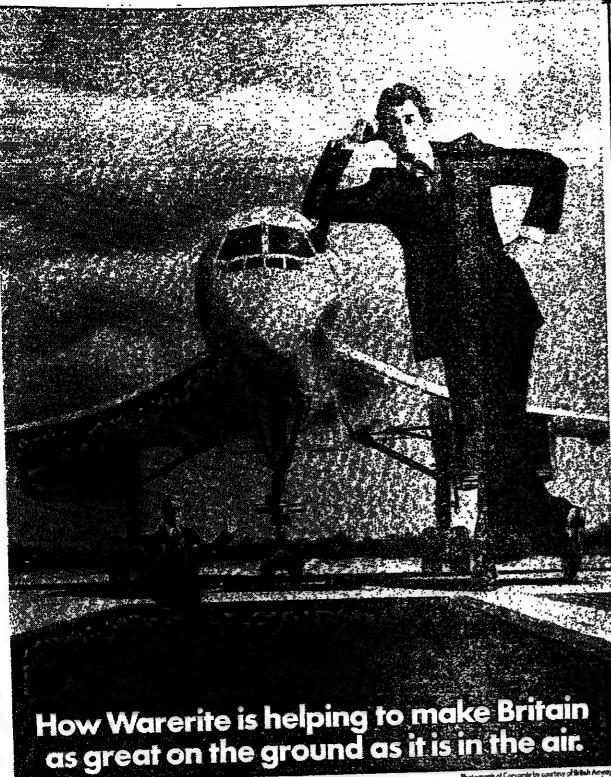
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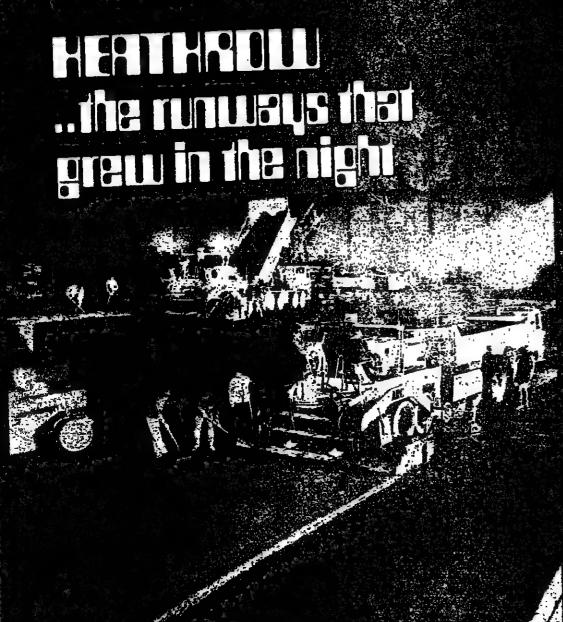
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Authority itches to control isle-hopping 'fleas'

by Christopher

Since the first municipal airport received its licence to operate in 1929 this branch of local enterprise has blossomed until there now some 40 airports in

smaller enterprises such as port, sees an inevitable in Coventry (Baginton). crease in general aviation.

a consortium of the county and district authorities in the area. There is another category into which the rest in doubt that the number fit, where the operation is contracted out to a company of local airports is justificant action of the concedes ables, although he concedes ables, where two or three

has not been forthcoming, national airports strategy although certain airports, will also bring with it a including Manchester and concentration of services at particular supports.

sultation document outlined

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Most of the locally-run air-

Most of the locally-run airports have invested in the
future through large capital
plans, which form a continuing financial burden, and
with the galloping inflation
of recent years have found
themselves in deficit. At
present, only, five expect this
year to make a profit or

Where there is a loss the ratepayer has to pick up the bill, but it is argued by local authorities that this is money well spent, because an airport link is becoming essential in regional planning and as an incentive to the attraction of industry and ichs.

and jobs.
The Government does assist with capital development. Birmingham, for example, received nearly £2m in grants towards the cost of runway and terminal extensions. Other grants have gone to several, including Carlisle and Teesside, to stimulate industrial development.

ment.

One reason for the deficits is the level of charges and fees which form the airport income. This has been far too low to give local airports much chance of economic viability, and a new

mic viability, and a new scale has been put forward by their committee on char-ges for introduction next

April. It is also noped to bring in its wake an agreement that the scale will be linked to the retail price index, to avoid any repetition of the embarrassment of years times.

tion of the embarrassment of recent times.

For one or two of the locally operated airports, the financial pressure is becoming too great, and feelers are being put out to see whether the British Airports Authority would like to take over the responsibility.

If a money-losing local airport is designated part of the regional network, with the likelihood of extra business, the BAA might be more

ness, the BAA might be more disposed to take it over. In

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'Midges' put out feelers

such a case, the local authorservices. Common ownership rity would not only get rid then should ensure that of its financial burden, but there was no wasteful com-

by local authorities.

A mixture of civic pride and commercial sense has contributed to this expansion, and although the inflation of the past few years has plunged most of them into deficit, the local authorities concerned are in general determined to commine to operate their aixports for the benefit of their areas.

Not all the municipal licensed to the same standard as at the largest international airports, and claim that their management is both efficient and commercially minded.

In its consultation document on regional airports the Department of Trade said that any policy leading to the common ownership of the main regional airports would not be a reflection on the present the municipal sent management, whose per-

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the wind on the nose, a played an important social very busy through the devesimilar airport on adjacent rule in keeping community
westray is a mere minute life going in distant corners
and 10 seconds, or little of the country.

There has naturally been more than the length of the concern over sugges.

The fear has been that if

been painted by those who

of its financial burden, but gain a new ratepayer.

The civic pride which first would mean a consistent would be expanded and built print a consorting the ment of the fact that their means and investment print would be expanded and built print would be expanded. More important, the character and the systems operated would not be charged in the payries and the supports would not be char

and in the Western Isles, the Government has asked staff that a formal structure which worked successfully at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aber. Islander aircraft link Storno- the BAA to look into the imwould require. Sumburgh has already Geen and Prestwick the way, Benbecula and Barra, plications of a change of Sumburgh has already Geen and Prestwick the whore landings on the beach approach to the bea

an airport as a Loganair being out.

Islander aircraft muches

Scotland has a number of staff. The problem has been ment to overcome the problem that the BAA had some staff. The problem has been ment to overcome the problem that the BAA had some staff. The problem has been ment to overcome the problem that the BAA had supports in lems from the sea fogs decided to get its hands on the world's shortest inhabitants have grown to particular those in Shetland, which so frequently blanket the eight small airports. What had actually happened was that the Secretary of the wind on the nose, a played an important social the wind on the nose, a played an important social the wind on the nose, a played an important social the wind on the nose, a played an important community very busy through the development. very busy through the development of North Sea oil and
are no longer sleepy outposts.

What had actually happened
was that the Secretary of
State for Trade had lan
year announced a review of
big and expensive brother is
the future of the airports. more than the length of Heathrow runway, distant. Streeked with mod and manure, brings vers to animals, teachers to animals, teachers to animals, teachers to minure to the Highlands and provided small air related and informal atmosphere, in which one man may double up in a number communities and the busy once of its engines brings enormous reassurance to lonely homesteads. In Sheriand, too, a similar island-hopping service reduces a voyage of several hours to a flight of a few minutes

There has naturally been posts.

The fear has been that if man Payne, chairman of the man Payne, chairman of

measures in case it was suggested it should take over airport.

If the BAA acquired the airports it would not increase landing fees in the following year.

CAA stages

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CAA staff employed on would be expanded and built

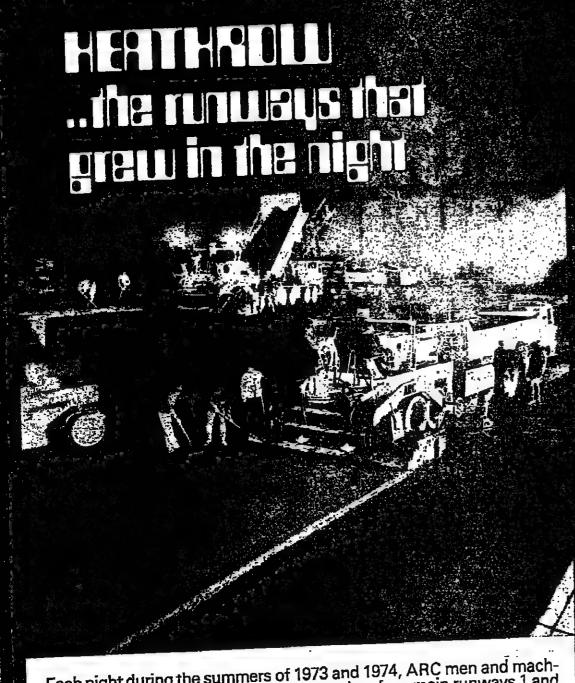
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Not all the municipal sent management, whose per-owners operate their air-ports and their 28 desig-nated municipal airports, ex-tending from the inter-ter (Ringway) down to much smaller enterprises such as Tickets Passport Travellers Cheques Airport Information Covertry (Baginton).

Some are run by a single local authority, a county or district council. Merseyside Metropolitan County Council operates Liverpool Airport, while Bristol and Southend are run by their respective district councils. Others, such as East Midlands, are run by a consortium of the county and district authorities in policy into European plans.



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Costs strain the friendship

by Arthur Reed

The 30 straines which use continued in Ectain have an measy relationship with "This move was designed those whose job it is to run to bring home to the airlines them. At a policy level they the cost consequences of ingenerally believe that they creasing peak loading at the

for saying they are asked to a break-even result for that pay too much, but this is group."

The feelings of the airlines that they are being asked to pay for the services which by government a target rateof return on net assets em-ployed which, as Sir Peter Masefield, a former chairman of the authority, pointed out at the recent in-

Not only must they pay the commercial rate for using runways, but they are being runways, but the services they receive passengers, paying more for tan only fall on the taxpaying public, many of whom, it will be argued, never use are mailion pound business (the runking greatly to national earnings and, as such, should be subsidered to some extent from the country's exchequer.

As the authority pointed term, can only harm the business of those who run the airports.

But if the zirlines and strongly towards the sirsorted with they are being runways, but they receive at Eritain's airports, the cost can only fall on the taxpaying public, many of whom, it will be argued, never use air mational asser, contributing and rates, and the airlines and a further fall the strong runways, but the airports, and only fall on the taxpaying public, many of whom, it will be argued never use air mational asser, contributing

step in the evolutionary change from a taxanon The 90 milines which use commercial, or cost-related

are charged too much for south-east airports, particuline services they receive, larly Reachrow. Landing fee while on a day-to-day basis increases at our Scottish air-the cooperation between the ports were higher as they The airlines have a case the steady progress towards

Authority, it has been given they use both at airports and between sirports at a rate which has never been applied to other forms of

Not only must they pay the airports operating smoothly.



among the many routine tasks-involving contracts worth millions of pounds-which keep

out in its argued report for business of those who run but the trend appears to be smooth increased our landing fees. But if the zirlines and strongly towards the cir. To g in 1977 and took a further their customers do not pay lines, and therefore the Acme

Poor relation may get a

bigger share

To give just one example. Acme Industrial Cleaners

has contracts covering most of the country's big airports to clean some three million squere feet of floors and thousands of windows on a continuous programme Their contracts at Heathroy elone cover almost 500,000

square feet of floor erea and 150,000 square feet of glass. On a daily basis, there appears to be generally excellent cooperation between those who run the airports and those who use them Each terminal has its mana-ger representing the ar-port owner and he keeps in close touch with the mana-gers of all the airlines which use the terminal and in facilities.

It is a jigsaw with thou-sands of interlocking pieces for the 50,000 employees who work at Heathrow, stance, belong to hundreds of different companies, all with different responsibile

Such cooperation will be aircraft using Britain's air ports become bigger and more expensive so that speedier "turnrounds" be tween flights will be econo-

mically vital.
Consultations between al the parties must begin earlier than ever when new developments are envisage to that the latest ground

can be expected to increase

for despite the doubling it

the cost of private flying since the fuel crisis of 1973-74, the number of people wanting to learn to fly, or

flying as a hobby, has never been greater and there is

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Aberdeen

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(including the Port of London) in the country, with more than £31/2 thousand million worth of exports passing through it in 1976/77.

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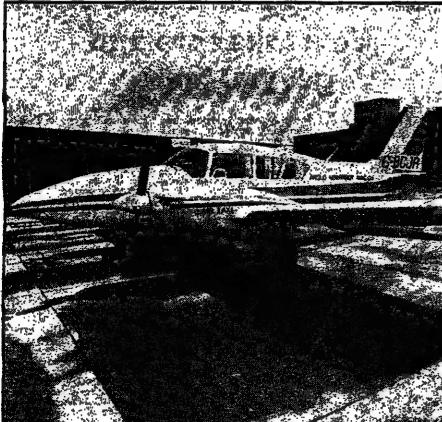
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General aviation — from early in the next decade, however welcome, will meet has been suggested as a The second problem is one light aircraft to executive But the British Airports the continuing need in Lon-British equivalent. of noise and emanates jets—has long been the poor Authority has no intention don and South-east England But although business mainly from the growing relation of flying in Britain, of closing the airports to for an airport devoted aviation is allowed a limited environmental lobby, which relation of flying in Britain, of closing the airports to for an but there are encouraging this type of aviation and is entirely but there are encouraging this type of aviation and is entirely to executive number of movements into objects to the constant of the constant chances seem remote of to any proposals to expan London getting a custom the facilities—particularly i

eviation.

Pressure of aircraft move— At the same time, the national airport Le Bourget ments and passengers on the business aircraft facilities at on the northern outskirts of two major London airports, Gatwick, Heathrow, Edin-Heathrow and Gatwick, will burgh and Aberdeen air specialized terminal and maintenance area. RAF built stroot for the exclusion the laving of a concrete runsive use of the type of air way which could attract jets craft which are, in most to the area is involved. industrialized countries, couports will be improved. maintenance area. RAF None of these measures, Northolt, north of Heathrow,

> British Civil Aviation of the British Clvid Aviation Study Conference, a body which has been trying, among other things, to further the cause of airports for executive flying, said: "There is no doubt that general aviation aircraft today are being crewed by secious and highly-competent people. We are netrainly not asking that irresponsible pillots should be allowed to use the main. London aircraft use the main. London aircraft.

The continuing contacts may be valuable

Continuing contacts be tween the CAA and the BCASC could be valuable in view of the fact that the authority oversees air traffic control and the Ecensing of sirports, and has a voice in Eurocontrol, the European air praffic control system which most aircraft opera

Businessmen-flyers would like to see the facilities at the British airports which

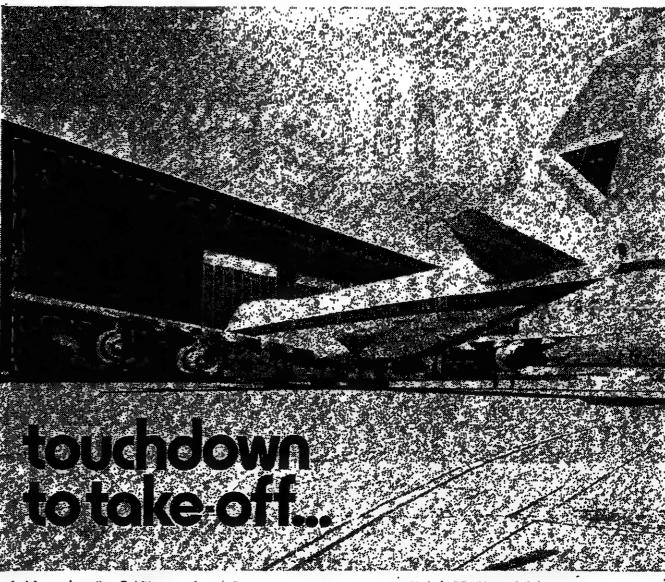
They want, for instance, better terminal facilities, improved and cheaper long-term car parking, quicker and more efficient rafuelling, and improved service by the customs and excise. The customs and excise has recently appointed a team to review customs arrangements for the control rangements for the control of international general aviation. The review was foreshadowed by Mr J. M. Woolf, deputy chairman of customs and excise when he opened the fifth Business and Light Aviation Show at Cranfield, Bedfordshire, in September and spoke of frustrations felt in the light aircraft industry over the variation of treatment in customs procedures in customs procedures between Britain and Europe. Britain had moved closer

to Europe, and the time was ripe to look again at the con-trols, Mr Woolf said. The customs team is visiting airports and making contact with the various trade associations representing airport operators and business aircraft users.

Two big difficulties trouble the sector of the gen-eral aviation industry which embraces flying training and private and sporting flying.

Most of this type of aviation is based at airfields which are owned privately. by companies or by local, authorities. As costs rise, the remptation is to sell them off for commercial or industrial

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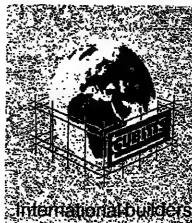
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How many passengers will kely to be far greater.

The British Airports Authority should be a transport from the motorway was built for schedular transport from the motorway was built for the motorway was built for happing protect ever be far that it must have much appeal, whereas the lightly burdened business between the happing protect ever be reviewed on the scale previous the motorway was built for a high-special provider and providers a

Oh, Mister Porter, what shall I do?

policy, has not created the some of the best climate for investment in airport facilities. Operationally, certain mini- one in Britain-and one of

mum requirements are laid only a few in the worlddown and must be met; to have specialized radar for above that minimum, the insurveillance of aircraft and evitable compromise must be vehicles on the ground. In made between the ideal and the wake of a recent disaster practicable, bearing in the wake of a recent disaster practicable, bearing in the wake of a recent disaster practicable, bearing in the wake of a recent disaster practicable, bearing in the wake of a recent disaster practicable, bearing in the wake of a recent disaster practically demands for the widespread introduction of such radar, outside the British Airports but expert opinion is that alternous.

Opportunities to develop and instal advanced systems for passenger terminals have, means of preventing colling complex surface traffic patterns, rather than as a means of preventing colling complex surface traffic patterns, rather than as a means of preventing colling to the fact that few such ter-puts it out of the reach of the average airport.

The radar at Heathrow, a down and must be met; to have specialized radar for

The equivalents of the Decca ASMI (airfield surtracked "people-mover" face movement indicator),

transit system that shuttles The author is Planning Tacoma airport in the United

baggage handling system in CAA but by the airport aircraft twes-is clearly vital

The standard system for Zurich, to take just two Facilities for flight opera- examples, are not to be providing electronic guid ority has introduced its own tions at British airports stand found in Britain. Had the ance to pilots during the twin-engined Shrike Comparison with those of any project for a new airport at approach has for many years mander aircraft for the project for a new sirport at approach has for many years mander aircraft for the Maplin gone ahead, things been the instrument landing flight inspection of visual the system in recent years,

innovation is to be found at particularly with regard to ments have taken place in British airports, in the terminals as well as on the airfields. Navigational aids and air traffic control services at all the British Airports Authority's airports and at a number of the others are provided by the Civil Aviation Authority. The CAA's unit at Heathrow has

wave landing system (MLS), the heavier and slower which is intended as a 1980s vehicles of the main fire-replacement for ILS, is progressing. The scene is The British Airports Authority and the scene is the scen some of the most advanced clouded at the moment by ority has introduced 14 international wrangling over Chubb Spearhead four-wheel-which system, British or drive rapid intervention American, should be chosen rehicles, designed to carry a as standard.

important advantages over tion of 0.50 mph in less than ILS and to be available both as a Caregory 3 system and At the top end of the scale

Complementary to electronic guidance is visual sproach slope indicator (VASI) system, originally developed at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, and white light from projectors musually supplied to parked placed near the runway aircraft from mobile generadisplay enabling it to be viewed satisfactorily in day light. Also in the control tower at Heathrow is a Ferrand digital air traffic con-trol simulator, designed to simulate the controller's radar display realistically.

Recently RAE has produced such equipment is not unsuch equipment is not uncommon at centres where sion approach path indicaem route traffic is controltor), also using beams of red
led, but is rare in an airport and white light but expected control tower. It is used for to be capable of easier and on the spot training.

more accurate interpretation. more accurate interpretation. PAPI has been installed for Secondary radar, which PAPI has been in adds data on individual air triels at Garwick.

adds data on individual aircraft, such as identity and
altitude, to the controller's systems usually form part of
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use for some time at major
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ones, such as Luton and and the important task of
Jersey (where both ATC
units are operated not by the

system (ILS). Refinement in aids at its seven airports.

Several recent developparticularly with regard of ments have taken place. A reliability and redundancy, airfield fire services. A has resulted in installations concept gaining ground in-(known as Category 3 555 ternationally is "rapid intertems) suitable for use in allweather operations. There high performance crash red
are at present six Category ders are deployed to the
3 installations in Britain—
four at Heatherow and two
at Glasgow.

Lernationally is "rapid intervenient", in which small, weather manually is "rapid intervenient", in which small, we are deployed to the scene of an accident to the four at Heatherow and two "knock down" the incipient fire and establish a second Development of a micro- path, pending the arrival of

The British Airports Authas standard.

31-ton payload at more than

MLS is expected to offer 70 mph and with an accelera-

as a Category 3 system and in a cheaper and simpler in airfield crash trucks is the form for smaller airports. But it is unlikely to supplant six-wheel-drive vehicle with a 15-ton payload and a top complementary to electronic spidance is rightly finders have been supplied.

white light from projectors usually supplied to parked placed near the runway aircraft from mobile generators threshold to give guidance tors. At Heathrow's terminal one, however, British to land—the colour of the lights indicating whether he is no hight or too low.

Recently RAE has a said to supplied to parked aircraft from mobile generators. At Heathrow's terminal one, however, British highes indicating whether he installed a Houchin fixed system, in which central fixed cables to each indi-ridual aircraft parking posi-tion. It was the first such installation in Britain.

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Whether it is Heathrow or the remotiest location in the ports there is too much restricted out. Scottish islands, every liance—in security searches simultaneously and the lug-rity-conscious these days.

The recent hijeckings of Every air passenger is family few seconds.

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Works of art in

From Councillor John Last

Sir, The continued flow of impor-

tant works of art abroad from Eritish collections makes necessary

the reconsideration of our stratecy

to preserve our artistic heritage Parliament has laid down that works

of art may be accepted in lieu of

"would an object be a pre-eminent addition to a public collection, whether national, local authority or

university".

Any of us who have kept a note

of items accepted under this pro-cedure will be struck at first by its

shormess and secondly by the ex-tremely small number of works that have been allocated to public col-

lections outside Londou. The short-ness of the list suggests two possi-bilities: either that executors are not sufficiently aware of this legis-

not sufficiently aware of this legicalistion or indeed not encouraged to take advantage of it, or alternatively that the procedure itself is being administered in so rigid and narrow a manner that it does not lead to the flow of fine works to provincial collections to enable them to raise their standards.

Our experience on Mersey ide perhaps illustrates the latter point. On the one hand the Government were prepared to accept and allo-

were prepared to accept and allo-cate to us three pictures from the executors of the Earl of Selton including the "Countess of Selton" by Gainsborough. At the same time

by Gainsborough. At the same time is declined the remaining family portraits which, though of small value individually, were of historical importance to the house it off which was given to the local authority by the Countoss of Sefron. More togently, encouraged by this success, we have approached apprapriate executors but have found in practice that works put forward have usually failed to past the ter. There is no doubt in my own mind that

collection.

In my opinion there is a present heed for a complete review of the situation and more positive and sympathetic understanding of the velid ambitions of provincial collections so that they can increase their contribution to the well being their contribution to the well being

of a changing society.
-Yours faithfully,

Walker Art Gallery. William Brown Street.

European elections

From Mr. Douglas Hurd, MP |pr Mid-Oxfordshire (Conservative)

Sir, in his article today on the

powers of the European Parliament, David Wood might unwittingly mis-

lead anyone who has not followed closely the debates in the House of

Commons. He writes almost as if the House of Commons was rejecting

some proposal for wider powers for the European Parliament. In fact an such proposal is before us. The pro-

posal which we are discussing, after

extraordinary delays, is that the European Parliament with its exist-

ing powers should be directly elected instead of nominuted.

When there is a directly elected full-time Parliament, its members will undoubtedly pain greater influence with their existing powers, and I believe that this will make for a more sensible as well as a more democratic European Community.

After they have goined this empari-

ence the members of the European

Perliament may wish to ask for additional powers. That may well

turn out to be the next hig dehate on the future of Europe, in four or

five years' time. It is common ground that any additional powers would require the consent of all

national governments and puritie-

discussing is how in British terms this decision would be taken. The House of Commons is maying to the

powers for the European Parliament

at the expense of parional govern-ments or national parliaments would

have to be approved in this country through an Act of Parliament.

Whether that approval would in fact be given will depend on the achieve ments of the European Parliament

of course, some conde would like to see an immediate odvence in powers. Others would like to rule it

out for ever. Put for most the annuach sharched above is surely

The question which we have been

JOHN LAST, Chairman, Arts and Culture Committee, Merseyade County Council,

estate duty or capital transfer tax and that the test to be applied is

lieu of tax

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ABSENTEEISM IN THE HOUSE

The way in which the House of most obvious is the effect of Commons has been dealing with the Scotland Bill has been a poor advertisement for the processes of Parliament. It is true that the zeal of MPs cannot be ment, it is not surprising that judged solely by their attend- some members should feel ance in the House. They have other duties, at Westminster and in their constituencies. They may be fulfilling valuable functions on a committee of in pursuing their own research. But when every allowance has been made the impression conveyed by the attendance table published in The Times yester-day is not that of a legislature that is examining with appro-priate rigour one of the most important constitutional measures to come before Parliament for many years.

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The facts of amendance are indeed shocking. At no point until immediately before the 11 o'clock division were there more than forty members in the House. From 4.10 to 10 o'clock the Labour members never rose above thirteen, and generally came to no more than six. At 5 o'clock and again at 9.30 the total numbers fell to eighteen, represented at 5 o'clock by five Labour members, ten Conserva-tives, one Liberal and two SNP. For most of the evening only 2 per cent of the Labour Party in Parliament and only 5 per cent of the Conservative Party arrended the debate. It is on all sides agreed that this measure could decide the future unity of the United Kingdom. These numbers fall far below what would be required by a reasonably attentive scrutiny.

There are a number of possible explanations for this. One of the

the guillotine. As the debate is hurried on from one clause to another with major proposals for amendment left either undiscussed or given only cursory treatthat their presence in the chamber is a waste of time. Such an attitude is unjustifiable but also understandable. There is also the psychological consequence of the guillotine: so much of the normal parliamentary battle is over the use of time, with delay the principal weapon in the hands of the Opposition, that there is a tendency to regard the issue as settled once a timetable motion has been passed. So far as the ultimate passage of the Bill is concerned that may

prove correct, but such an atti-

tude takes no account of the

fact that this is a piece of legis-lation where the details may be critical. Conversely, there is the explanation that because the proceedings in Parliament will not be the last word on the Billthat being given to the people of Scotland in a referendum—the critics are not required to offer as relentless opposition as they would otherwise have done. That may sound a plausible argument, but is in fact a specious excuse. In the referendum the Scottish electorate will be given the choice of voting for or against the Bill that Parliament has passed. No amendments can be made at that these states. made at that stage. The prospect of the referendum does not therefore reduce by one jot the responsibility of members to scrutinize this measure clause

It is the guillotine as well as the attitude of members that has prevented this. But the House's performance should also be a corrective to the doctrine of those parliamentary romantics who place all the emphasis on the proceedings on the floor of the chamber. It is certainly in accordance with a wise tradition that the committee stage of this Bill, as of all constitutional measures, is being taken by the whole House. But that is on grounds of overriding principle rather than effectiveness: on a matter of such consequence it would be wrong for any member to be excluded. This experience is a reminder, however, that the full chamber is likely to give sustained attention to the details of complicated questions only in a mood of some political excitement.

It is a reflection on the House of Commons that the atmosphere in which it has been considering the Scotland Bill has been very far from that. Many members appear to have become bored by the subject. They have simply not taken the trouble to come to grips with an issue that is dellcate and confusing, but which matters a great deal for the future of the United Kingdom. That attitude goes far to explain not only why the House has been dealing so inadequately with this Bill but also why a measure of parliamentary devolution for Scotland has become necessary. It is a notable example of that glazed bewilderment which has too often been directed towards Scottish affairs. It is also an example of Members of Parliement failing to do an important part of the job for which they are, however inadequately; paid.

PORTUGAL'S FIRST NORMAL CRISIS

by clause.

caught itself, and then voted in 1976 for a recognizably west European mixture which brought Unemployment is around 18 per to power a left-of-centre govern- . centment under Dr Soares, a man well known and trusted by the social democrats of western Europe. Relief among western democrats was almost as great as their fears had been earlier. The communists had burnt their finger's, democracy had triumphed in free elections, and the country seemed on course European Community. It was tempting to believe that its troubles were over.

Even now, after the Government's fallure to win a vote of confidence, there is no need to be too worried. Parliamentary defeats and caretaker governments are nothing out of the ordinary in western Europe. There is every chance that a democratic solution will be found. But the stresses remaining from 1974 have not been wholly eliminated, and a national consensus is still difficult to find. Dr Soares, whose Socialists won just over 35 per cent of the vote last year, has been running a minority government ever since, and has had the bad luck to be trying to put the country on its feet at a time of great economic stress. The reserves built up during the Salazar years have dwindled. The balance of payments deficit

In 1974 Portugal lurched out of is running at more than \$1,000m frontation with the Commu-years of studying dictatorship, a year. Imports have doubled nists, whose relative weakness stumbled wildly to the left, since last year. Wages rose at the polls is balanced by very rapidly after the revolution, but prices have been hot in pursuit, so the real gains are threatened, An austerity programme has

> become essential and is the condition for an IMF standby credit of \$50m and a medium term too fiercely anti-communist for convenience. The political imports have to be reduced, centre of gravity in Partners is of \$50m and a medium term credits tightened, and public still to the left and the Commuspending cut. The list is familiar nists have shown signs of making enough, and so were the reactions. Dr Soares needed the
> inflation and threatened by support of other parties and failed to get it. He has been criticized for a pig-headed determination to govern alone, and perhaps he should have tried harder at an earlier stage to form a coalition, but it is not easy to see what shape it could have taken. The model offered by the Spanish deal in October was not transferable to Portugal, Spain's communists are willing to work as democrats. Portugal's communists are a different breed and are still linked closely to Moscow. To have tried to work with them would not only have been politically difficult within Portugal but would also have destroyed a lot of the foreign confidence on which Dr Soa s depends.

To work with the right, on the other hand, would have been unacceptable to the left wing of Dr Soares's own party, and would also have provoked a con-

considerable strength in the labour movement. The obvious choice of partners would be the Social Democrats, whose seventy-three seats would bring an alliance up to a comfortable majority. But there is personal antagonism between their leader and Dr Soares, and they may be further austerity.

Heavy responsibility therefore lies on the relatively young and inexperienced President Earles. If the worst comes to the worst he could assume emergency powers, but he can also do a lot to influence a democratic solution by using his power to approve or disapprove the appointment of ministers. Skilfully used, this power might be enough to push unwilling partners into a temporary coalition. Alternatively he can give Dr. Soares another chance in the hope that the gravity of the national situation will encourage other parties to give him at least temporary support. But nobody likes supporting unpopular poli-cies. A period of considerable uncertainty therefore seems inevitable.

THEY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO REPLY

The Labour Party decision to is it desirable that they should attack the National Front in a be so. It would be extremely party political broadcast cannot have been taken lightly. There was the obvious danger that the National Front are avid for publicity and that any attack was bound to create publicity both in itself and in reactions to it. But the National Front have made, fid may still be making, som inroads into the Labour vote, arricularly in cer-tain London onstituencies. The Labour Party may be right in thinking that a head-on attack is the best way of preventing further loss of votes, though our view would be that they are wrong.

There can be no complaint Dout the broad character of the attack hat was made; the National Point are, by their own account, a racist and nationalist party. These were the essential ingredients of the Nazi Party. The National Front have also recruited people who enjoy violence and that too parallels the early development of the Nazis. The National Front are an extremely unpleasant development in Britain's life, although its support has not so far gone beyond what one might expect a fringe extremist party to be able to achieve. On the other have informed all those interviewed that they would appear in a party political broadcast. Sharp practice is equally odious m politics and television—but doubly odious in political tele-

The National Front are not, however, a prescribed party, nor

difficult to produce a satisfactory definition for any general law which banned parties like the National Front. If one were to ban parties because they were rotalitarian in their objectives, then, plainly, the Communist Party would have to banned. It is no easier to find a satisfactory definition of racism. Black consciousness movements are racist in character, and the United Nations, in one of its more grotesque moments, de-fined Zionism as a racist movement. It is plainly undesirable to limit people's political freedom on the basis of such hazardous definitions. The right course, therefore, is to allow the National Front the ordinary liberty of British political life so long as they do not break the law, and to trust that we shall have sufficiently tough minded. magistrates and judges to send members of any political party to prison if they deliberately commit acts of violence on the streets. So far, the majority of such acts of violence have been committed by the extremist left.

If, however, the National Front are to be treated as entitled to the normal benefits of the law as well as being subland, the Labour Party should ject to its normal constraints, they are also morally entitled to the same treatment by the BBC and Independent Television as any other citizens ought to have. They have been attacked in a party political broadcast, and they do not themselves have a party political broadcast in which to reply as the Conserva- of our democracy.

tives and the Liberals would have. It is a matter of natural justice that they should be entitled to defend themselves against an attack which has been

made on all television channels. If this were a press matter, they would have a clear right to reply under Press Council's rulings. Only a week ago the Press Council reaffirmed its position. "The principle is that any person or organization attacked in the columns of a newspaper or periodical is morally entitled to space for a reasonable reply (which may constitute a correction or explanation) whether by letter or statement published editorially, the reply being confined to the subject matter of the attack and being reasonable both in content and in length." This ought also to be the doctrine of the BBC and the IBA. In this case the fact that the material was supplied by a political-party, and had to be broadcast, does not affect the principle of a right to reply, though it may account for the BBC's mistaken decision to refuse a reply.

This does not mean that the National Front ought to be given the right to a party political broadcast of their own. Properly conducted interviews on each channel with one of their spokesmen would be a satisfactory form of reply, in which they could be confined to the subject matter of the attack. But so long as they are a legal party, are as much entitled to equitable treatment as anyone else. If they get it, that will be a demonstration of the vitality

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

standing

From Lord Kaldor, FBA

Sir, Mr Michael Shanks writes in your issue today (December 5) that "now that we are no longer impoverished" (my italics) we must do a lot of costly things for the sake of our European partners, such as revalue the green pound, rejoin the snake, abolish all restrictions on overseas investment, or at least on all direct investment to other EEC countries, and abandon

other EEC countries, and abandon the 25 per cent surrender rule.

The interesting question is why he says that we are "now no longer impoverished?" The word "impoverishment" according to the Oxford English Dictionary means a "loss of wealth or means". What is it that has changed since last year to make us better off than we were? Our GNP is no higher, our unemployment is greater, and the real earnings of wage and salary earners are 6-8 per cent lower than they were a year ago, and they are now only half as high as those of Germany, France, Belgium and Holland. The fact that the pound is stronger on the exchanges does not mean that we are in any substanting sense better off—on the contrary, by making our industry even less competitive, a higher pound makes our future prospects darker, not more rosy.

makes our ruture prospects darker, not more rosy.

The main cause of this "impoverishment" was not the weak pound but the virtual stagnation of our manufacturing output which is now only 23 per cent higher than in 1970 (and a great deal lower than in 1973) as well as the adverse change in our terms of trade. There is no doubt that but for the increased import penetration which Change in our terms of trace, There is no doubt that but for the increased import penetration which was in part at least the direct consequence of our entry into the EEC, our manufacturing output would be at least 25 per cent higher, and our GNP 12-15 per cent higher, and our GNP 12-15 per cent higher than it now is: If Mr Shanks' prescriptions are followed, and we maintain free trade and fixed exchange rates with Germany and other industrially more advanced European countries, and allow our multivational firms untestricted freedom to invest in Europe instead of in Britain, our industries will continue to sirink until they become a pale shadow of their former serves.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS KALDOR,
King's College,
Cambridge,
Cambridge,
Cambridge,

Remunerating councillors From Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH

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Sir, Some present attitudes towards
better provision for the secrifices
of voluntary service on local
suthorities differ little from the
opposition to payment of MPs over
sixty years ago.

I was sorry that your comment on
the recent Robinson Report (December 2) made no reference to the
Addendums made by Mrs. Ward
Jackson and myself to the report of
the Salmon Commission on
Standards of Conduct in Public

Local government is now an enormous enterprise carrying heavy responsibilities and much hard work on the part of the elected representatives. The financial position of the majority of councillors is in sharp contrast to that of the officials with whom they work and the business interests they must constantly meet. This disparity lies at the root of most of the corruption which has infected local government administration in recent years. Local government is now an

The present system of attendance allowances is not only inadequate but is unfair and open to abuse. The proposals of the Robinson Committee for combining an honorarium (equivalent to that received by MPs 30 years ago) and reimbursed expenses provide the best solution to a difficult problem. Nothing that I heard in over two years on the Sakmon Commission led me to believe that more adequare compensation to elected representatives would have a cur-rupting influence on the working of our system of democracy in local go**rename**at.

I am, sir, Yours faithfully. HOUGHTON OF SOWERBY. 110 Marsham Court. Marsham Street, SW1.

The Lord's Prayer

From the Reverend C. G. Lewis Sir, "The Abomination that maketh desclate "referred to in Mr Robinson's letter (December 1) was a heathen idol set up on the altar of the temple in Jerusalem by Antiochus Epiphanes in 168 BC. The trouble with idols, however beautiful they may be is that they divert attention from the living God to something misleading or false. This is precisely the trouble with Cranmerian English. Archaic or misleading expressions hinder rather than assist communication, and it desolate" referred to in Mr Robinthan assist communication, and it becomes all too easy to worship the beauty of the language rather than the one addressed

If the prayer that Jesus taught us is to be called an idol at all, then the description is better suited not to the Series 3 translation but to the one Mr Robinson wishes to

Yours faithfully, C. G. LEWIS, St Christopher's Vicarage, 33 Felix Avenue, Luton, Bedfordshire. December 1.

Absent from Westminster

From Mr J. L. Carr Sir, When Members of Parliament approved an 8 per cent levy on self employed persons they exempted themselves. I note that Mr Edward Heath, whilst drawing his salary as an employed Member, takes a week off to increase his income as an author. May we rely on him never again to inveigh against absenteeism?

Yours truly, J. L. CARR, 7 Milldale Road, Kettering, Northemptonshire. December &

Britain's economic The Crown Agents inquiry

From Mr James Mark

Sir, In his speech in Parliament yesterday (December 5) Sir Harold Wilson gave the impression that, when Mrs Hart proposed at an earlier stage to publish evidence about the affairs of the Crown Agents, a powerful group of unnamed people acted together to prevent disclosure. Neither he nor she could do anything in the face she could do anything in the face

of this.

This prompts three comments.

First, if he has accusations against people he should name them. His failure to do so encourages a character of sovernment by conspiracy theory of government by conspiracy which obscures understanding and undermines public morale.

Second what are Prime Ministers for? If Sir Harold thought that there was such resistance, why did he not act to overcome it? His statement is a confession of failure on the part of himself and his ministerial colleague. It certainly implies a degree of distrust of those who served him that can only underundermine the relations of confidence which are essential if our dence which are essential if our system is to work at all. But, third, according to your Parliamentary Correspondent, the speech had a decisive effect on the debate. If the outcome is to bring the truth to light more successfully, this is obviously all to the good. But the fact that a case put in this way could have so much effect seems to show a deep distrust on the part of Parliament inself of other parts of the machinery of government and of those who are responsible for it.

This seems to me to be disquieting evidence about the health of

our system of government and, in the broadest sense, of our political Yours faithfully,

JAMES MARK, Under Secretary. Ministry of Overseas Development, 1965-74. 6 Manorbrook, SE3. December 6.

From Sir William Lithgow

Sir, Recent difficulties have diver-Agents' traditional and very substantial role in the procurement of goods and services for overseas governments. This function should be developed.

Many of us in industry, particularly in smaller specialist companies, have reason to be grateful for the impartial professionalism with which contracts are administrated by the Contracts are administrated by the Contracts. stered by the Crown Agents. This has led to satisfied customers throughout the world. There are many, many success stories that go unsuring and unnoticed in this country. While it is right that we should insist on the highest standards from the departments and the agencies of government, it should be remembered that reports on the shortcomings of British institu-tions are invaluable sales literature for our competitors. For many years Parliament has too often proved better at amolifying weaknesses than noising abroad our strengths. Yours faithfully, WILLIAM J. LITHGOW,

Drums, Langbank, Renfrewshire,

A Bill of Rights

From Mr A. B. McNulty Sir, Since you were not able to find space to publish details of the recommendations made by the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights in Northern Ireland in their recent Report (Cand 7009), many of your readers will not have had an opportunity to test the strength of the criticisms which you made of the Report in your editorial of November 28. This Report is a major contribution to public discussion of this subject not only in Northern Ireland but in the United Kingdom as a whole.

It may therefore be useful to draw attention to paragraph 6.06 of the From Mr A. B. McNulty

attention to personable 6.06 of the Report, in which the Commission summarized their reasons for recommending the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into United Kingdom law as follows:

follows:

a (a) the value of ensuring express compliance with the international obligations imposed by the European Convention which are designed. pean Convention which are dasigned to secure to everyone within the United Kingdom the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Convention and to provide effective remedies for violations of those rights and freedoms by public authorities;

(b) the value of giving explicit and positive recognition in our constitutional and legal system to respect for basic human rights and freedoms.

(c) the need for effective legal safeguards against the misuse of power by public authorities; (d) the necessity in a genuinely democratic society to ensure that governments respect the rights and overnments respect the ecdoms of minorities;

(e) the importance of legislating expressly for comprehensive and effective guarantees of human rights which are applicable to the United

Romania's Jews From Mr A. Alvarez

Sir, Mr Ion Ratiu has written to you today (November 29) absolving Romania of complicity in the Holocaust and blaming the Hungarians, Russians and Germans for the death of Romania's 425,000 Jewish victims. He does so, he says, "for the sake of historical truth". In the circumstances, I would like to remind your readers of a rather different version of that truth given by the eminent philosopher of history and politics, the late Hannah Arepdt. When Romania entered the war in February, 1941, says Miss Arendt, "the Iron Guard, with the knowledge and under the protection of the government, immediately embarked upon a programme of massacres and deportations that for sheer horror is unparalleled in the whole atrocity stricken record. Deportation

stricken record. Deportation Romanian style consisted of herding five thousand people into freight cars and letting them die there of suffocation while the train travelled through the countryside without plan or aim for days on end; a favourite follow up to these killing operations was to expose the corposes in Jewish butcher shops. Also, the horrors of Romanian concentration camps were more elaborate and more atrocious than any-thing we know of in Germany." Within six months nearly 300,000 Jews had been murdered, "without

A. ALVAREZ, 45 Flask Walk, NW3.

the Order.

purposes.

Yours faithfully,

House of Commons.

JOHN COPE

November 28.

Safeguarding the otter From Mr John Cope, MP for Gloucestershire, South (Conserva-

Sir, As I moved the motion, backed by Mr Kimball and others, on the "Otter Order", may I reassure Mr Franklin (November 26). The motion was that the Order should be "considered", that is that there should be a debate. Neither it, nor any other action taken by any MP, could have led to the defeat of the Order. At the end of the debate my motion was passed unanimously.

We were anxious to probe the Government on the legal background to the Order, which the Joint Otter Group (of the Nature Conservancy Council and others) recently said could not be legally justified by the facts. We also pointed out that the main actual threats to the otter are not affected by the Order and are the damage to its habitat and cer-tain agricultural chemicals (the now fortunately much

decreased). As far as the otter hunts are concerned it should be remembered that they did not cause the decline in the otter population, that they

an praction of the control of the co (f) the importance of having general principles or criteria to assist legislators and administrators; as well as judges, in matters concerning human rights;

(g) the need to encourage legislators, administrators and judges to be more systematically and consciously concerned with fundamental values when they conform their sciously contestined with thindamental values when they porform their public functions (as part of their necessary process of adaptation to the legislative, administrative and judicial techniques of the coner member countries of the European Community, and of the Council of Community and of the Council of

Kingdom as a whole so that the basic rights of the individual do not

depend upon the particular part of the United Kingdom in which the

individual was born or lives;
(f) the importance of having

(h) the advantages of a more actively and socially responsive judicial reles in settling constitu-tional disputes and in protecting basic rights and freedoms;

(i) the need to remove the uncer-cainties show the present status and effect of the European Convention in the law at the United Kingdom;

(i) the benefits of a Bill of Rights as a source of public education about the values of a democratic society."

Nothing in your editorial diminishes the force of these arguments. In particular, it is not correct that the European Convention "is justiciable in the European Court at the suit of British, citizens." Inat the suit of British citizens deed, the recommendations made by the Commission are very similar to the evidence given by this Institute to the House of Lords Select Com-mittee in July of this year. Yours faithfully,

A. B. McNULTY, Director, The British Institute of Human

Rights, 17 Russell Square, WCI. December 2,

any German help's. Indeed, the situation became so bad that even Adolf Eichmann intervened,

Adolf Eichmann intervened, threatening to "bring the Security Police into action".

He was spared this embarrassment only when Marshal Ion Antonescu, the Romianan dictator, suddenly batted the killings. But his reasons, according to Misa Arendt, were strictly mercenary: "Side by side with the massacres, there bad sprung up a florrishing business in exemption sales, in which every branch of the bureaucracy, usticutal or menicipal, had happily engaged. The government's own speciality was buge taxes, which were levied haphazardly upon certain groups or whole communities of Jews. Now it had dismunities of Jews. Now it had dis-covered that one could sell Jews abroad for herd currency, so the Romanieus became the most fervent adherents of Jewish emigration—at thirteen bundred dollars a head. This is how Romania came to be one of the few outlets for Jewish emigration to Palestine during the war." (Hannah Arendt, Eichmann in Jerusalem, 1963, pp 173-74.)

Perhaps Mr Ratiu is correct in saying that "Romania steadfastly refused to deliver one single 'consignment' of Jews for the gas chambers." But not, it seems, for the humanitarian reasons he suggests. Yours faithfully,

were the first to draw attention to

that decline some years ago, and have since then curtailed their

activities generally and had a policy of not killing otters, except occa-

sionally in circumstances roughly

the same as are permitted under

The League Against Cruel Sports

have been running an advertising campaign in the national press

urging people to ask their MPs to

support the Otter Order and to join

and subscribe to their organization.

These advertisements first appeared

after it was clear that no MP could

vote against the Order and have

even continued since the Order was

the otters except as a piece of pro-paganda for their position. I do not

see why an organization dedicated

to the ending of other field sports, of which Mr Franklin apparently

approves should be allowed to get away with twisting it into misleading

and emotional propaganda for their

own recruiting and moneyraising

The Order itself is of little use to

Police priorities From Mr A. J. Beresjord

DOUGLAS HURD.

House of Commons.

Sir, The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester (letter, December 5) would have the overwhelming sup-port of all the citizens of Manchester-and not just some of them-if he were to devote more of his apparently overstretched resources to solving the numerous as yet un-solved burglaries, murgers and muggings of the city. Moreover, he would not need to defend his Betions in lengthy letters to The Times. Maybe some members of his vice squad could be more usefully redeployed. Yours faithfully,

A. J. BERESFORD, 12 Martin House, Conyugham Road. Victoria Park, Manchester.

Heavy breathing

From the Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of

Sir. Your diarist's account of heavy eathing in Whitehall (December 8) has cut me to the quick. It is 195 days since I totally ceased smoking and my timing for the climb to the sixth floor is improving

daily.

I have walked un with generals

and am actively and air marcha's and am actively looking for an admiral. Vours faithfully FRANK COOPER. Ministry of Defence, Whitenall, SW1,

Norwegian Christmas Tree
After the lighting up of the
Norwegian Christmas tree in
Trafalgar Square last night by the
Lord Mayor of Oslo, Mr Albert
Nordengen, the Lord Mayor and
Lady Mayoress of Westminster
gave a dinner at City Hall in
honour of the Lord Mayor of Oslo
and Mrs Nordengen. The guests
included:

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The Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs
Jacobson, the Chief Executive of Onio
and Mrs Lund, Baronees Birk and Mr
Ellis Birk, the cholenten of the AngloNorse Society and Mrs Marien, the
chairman of the Norwegian Club and
Mrs Breeme, Sir Alan Dawery, the
Chief Executive of Westminster City
Council and Mrs Wary and the Leader
of Westminster City Council and Mrs
Cobbods.

Champagne J. Bollinger
Colonel and Mme C. D'Hantefemile and the directors of Mentzendorff & Company Ltd gave a
dinner at the Gosforth Park Hotel,
Newcastle, yesterday in honour of
the champion National Runt
jockeys for the 1976-77 season.
Mme D'Hautefeuille presented the
Bollinger Trophies to the champion jockey, Mr Tommy Stack,
and to the leading amateur rider,
Mr Peter Greenall. The speakers
were Lord Kilmany and Mr
Anthony Leschallas.

National Dock Labour Board The chairman of the National Dock Labour Board, vice-chairman and members of the board, accom-

and members of the board, accompanied by the principal officers, entertained past members of the former National Board, also of its predecessor, the National Board box Labour Corporation, yesterday evening at the board's headquarters on the Albert Embankment, London.

St Gregory's Society

The centenary dinner of St Gregory's Society was held at the Hilton hotel last night. Mr P. F. Orchard, president, presided, and among the guests were the Duke of Norfolk, the Apostolic Delegate and the Abbot of Downside was also present. The speakers, in addition to the president, were the Head Master of Downside School and the Duke of Norfolk,

A mess guest night was held yesterday evening at the Royal

Naval Engineering College, Mana

Naval Engineering College, Mana-don, HMS Thunderer (Captain R. G. Baylis, RN). Rear-Admiral A. J. Monk, Rear-Admiral En-gineering to Flag Officer Naval Air Command, was guest of honour. The commander of the college, Commander A. E. Star-geon, RN, presided.

It is expected that Green Col-lege with start in October, 1979. The other fellows are:

The other fellows are:

C. S. Ackreyd, clinical reader, Nuffield Department of Orthopaced Surgery;
C. S. T. Adams, consultant; department of orthopaced Surgery;
C. S. T. Adams, consultant; department of neurosurgery; S. D. Bower. consultant, department of pacedatries; S. J. Striton. Cimical reader, Nuffield Department of Surgery; Dr. J. S. Cleyg, University iccurrer, Nuffield Department of Surgery; Dr. J. S. Cleyg, meat of Crankal Mericine; R. A. Directon, Consultant, C

Anthony Leschallas.

St Gregory's Society

BN Engineering College

Norwegian Christmas Tree

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 8: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Concert given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Pestival Hall.

Her Majesty and His Royal

Highaess were received by the

Chairman of the London

Philharmonic Orchestra Council

(the Earl of Shaftesbury).

Lady Abel Smith, Mr William

Heseltine and Lieutenant Robert at the Royal Pestival Hall.

Guy, RN, were in attendance. The Prince of Wales, Chairman of The Queen's Silver Jubilee
Trust, this morning addressed
Voluntary Youth and other
Organizations at the Cavendish
Conference Centre, Duchess
Mews, W1.
His Royal Highness President His Royal Highness, President, this afternoon visited the offices of the Council for National Academic Awards, Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

Road, WCI.

The Prioce of Wales at Buckingham Palace received His
Excellency Mr Shridath Ramphal Communwealth Secretary Gen-CLARENCE HOUSE

December 8: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother, Chancellor of
the University of London, this
afternoon opened the new building of the Institute of Education
and named the Logan Hall.
The Lady Logan Rankin and Sir The Lady Jean Rankin and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE
Detember 8: The Princess
Margaret. Courtess of Snowdon,
President of the Victoria League,
tils evening visited the Students'
Hostel in Leinster Square.
. The Lady Anne Tennant was in
attendance.

EENSINGTON PALACE
December 8: Princess Alice,
Duchess of Gloucester as a Trustee
of The Royal Agricultural Society

of England was present at a Coun-cil Meeting of the Society at Bel-grave Square, London, this morning. Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in

YORK HOUSE
December 8: The Duchess of
Kent. Controller-Commandant of
the Women's Royal Army Corps,
today attended a Commissioning
Coremony at the WRAC College,
Comberley.
Miss Jane Pugh was in
attendance. YORK HOUSE

The Duke of Gloucester will judge the entries for the historic Brimin photography competition at the Department of the Environment on December 14.

Birthdays today

Lord Butler of Saffron Walden, 18; Miss Hermione Gincold, 80; Sir Stewart MacTier, 72; Lord Larples, 70; Sir Godfrey Nichol-yn, 76; Mme Elisabeth Schwarz-kopf, 62; Sir Peter Smithers, 64.

Latest appointments

anemi Sir Edwin Braman, Com-tander-in-Chief, United Klagdom Lard Forces, to be the first Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff (Per-spinel and Logistics) from April 1. Roval Maundy

The Queen will distribute the Royal Maundy at Carlisic Cathe-tral on March 23, Buckingham Pulace amounted yesterday.

LSE appeal result The appeal launched in October, 1976, in memory of the late Sir Morris Finer, to establish student awards at the London School of Economics, has raised £30,982.

Wheelwrights' Company

The Wacelwrights' Company held a court stocking resterday at which Mr F. C. Schilling was installed as Master, Mr J. B. Hep-turth as Upper Worden and Mr D. G. Humpureys as Renter Warden

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh visits. Chatham naval base, 10, and later, as Captain General, visits Royal Marines, Deal.

St Paul's Cathedral steps, recital of Carols, London University Choir, 1.15.

Commonwealth War Graves' Comm

Commonwealth War Graves' Comnission exhibition, Royal Institure of Errish Architects, 65
Portland Place, 10-6.
Queen Elitabeth Hell: Capital
Radio concert. Wren Orchestra;
Erahms, soloist, Barry Tuckwell. Haydn, Richard Strauss,
Dehus, 7.45.
St. James's Palace, The Queen's
sliver jubilee gifts, 10-7.
Royal cartoon exhibition. Press
Club, 76 Shoe Lane, Fleet Street,
12-7.

12-7.
Talk: National Gollery, room 29, painting techniques after 1600. 1.

Claudio array



My oldest musical memories are leasted in England. I blayed in London instead as a boy and since then with flest about every time musical memories and beautiful performances made possible by so many dedirected and co-ended mesocians.

Such musicantaking needs and deserves the well-being of musicans, but when those years are accepted in the musicans field only dening into performing stars, but when those years are accepted in the fluorisms. By eupportung the fluorisms our opposition of all the autiliant boardy miner brinds into our live.

Florase send a donation, large or small, to halp us maintain our three homes of residence for elevity and council musicans, and to give comfort to many who long for your known. My oldest musical memories asiad in England. I played in

SIR THOMAS ARMSTRONG MUSICIANS BENEVOLENT 18 Ogle Street

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss A. F. F. MacLeod
The engagement is announced between Steven Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Martin Cohen, of 257 Concord Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts, United States, and Andrea Flora Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs I. A. MacLeod, of 293 Avenue Lippens, 8300 Knokke, Belgium, late of Dulwich.

Mr C. T. Donaldson and Mrs E. Munro between Charles Tocher Donald-son, 1 Palmerston Place Lame, Edinburgh, and Whitesh, by Buckie, Banffshire, and Mrs Eliza buckle, Bankshre, and Mrs Eurabeth Munro, 14 Belgrave Crescent, Edinburgh, daughter of the late Mr J. M. Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson, Edinburgh

Mr J. W. G. Honeybourne and Miss T. Turner

and Miss T. Turner
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Erigadier and Mrs C. T. Honey-hourne, of 16 St Peter's Square, London, W6, and Tamera, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond J. Turner, of 2911 Tamalpais Way, Sacramento, California.

Mr A. Horsfield and Miss M. E. Fulton
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Horsfield, of Warwick, Bermuda, and Mary Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs M. C. Fulton, of St George's, Eermuda.

Mr J. D. Shepherd and Dr G. L. Alderton The cogagement is announced between Jeremy Shepherd, of Altrincham, Cheshire, and Gilian Aiderton, of Haywards Heath, Sussay

Mr N. R. Walton
and Miss S. M. Mackinney
The engagement is announced
between Neville, son of Mr and
Mrs S. R. Walton, of Cheam,
Surrey, and Sally, elder daughter
of Mr and Mrs I. S. Mackinney,
of Isfield, Sussex.

Marriages

Mr C. C. Bell and Mrs D. Bevan The marriage took place yester-day in London between Mr Christopher Bell and Mrs Dinah

Mr J. P. H. S. Scott and Miss J. D. Rae and Miss J. D. Rae
The marriage took place at the
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London,
VI. on December 5, between Mr
Johnny Scott, eldest som of Mr
and Mrs Christopher Scott, of
Galu, and Miss Jaquelius Rae,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
Colin Rae, of Willow Hill, Tarporley, Cheshire. Father Gabriel
Cave officiated. porley, Cheshire. Father Gabriel Cave officiated. A reception was held at 40 Brunswick Square and the boney-moon will be spent abroad.

Latest wills

Residue for charities.

Doris Hart, of Ilford, left £61,841 net. After bequests of £25,000 she left the residue equally among the PDSA, RSPCA and British Red Cross Society. Other estates include (net. before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Blech, Mrs Enid Marion, of Mat-field, Kent, former personal assist-ant to Sir Georg Solti .. £104,317 Copeman, Mrs Sybil Annie, of Norwich ... £122,243 Drain, Mrs Dorothy Florence, of Chelsfield, Kent ... £159,844 Cheigh-Hunt, Mr Cyril Dysart, of Summingdale, insurance broker £131,600

Macleod, Dr William Mathleson, of Bishopstoke . . . £102,088

Memorial services

Admiral Sir Harold Burrough
Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, OM, was represented by Rear-Admiral F. W.
Buchanan at a memorial service
for Admiral Sir Harold Burrough
held at St Martin-In-the-Fields
yesterday. Prebendary Austen
Williams officiated. The Ven B. A.
O'Ferrall, Chaplain of the Fleet
and chairmen of the Royal Navai
Lay Readers' Society, read the
lesson, and the Right Rev W. L. S.
Fleming gave an address. Others
present included:
Rear-Admiral and Mrs A. Davica, Mr

Present Michigan Present Mrs A. Davios, Mand Mrs J. O. H. Burrough, Mr J. M. Burrough, Mr J. B. B. M. Burrough, Mr J. Bovail, Mr C. R. Boyail, Mr A. J. Bovail, Mr C. R. Boyail, Mr J. Burrough, Mrs P. B. Scurfield, Mrs A. O. Mann, Lary Janot Donjas Pennant, Mrs Piers, Mrs Mathews, Mrs Harker Colonel B. Barrass Lugreshing

Luncheons

Speaker
The Speaker gave a luncheon in Speaker's House resterday on the occasion of the presentation by the Commemorative Collectors' Society of commemorative plates recording the Queen with her Prime Ministers during her 25 years' reign. Those present were: Lorg and Lady Home of the Blasel and the Earl of Avon. Countees of Avon. Mr Harold Macmilian. Sir Harold Wilson. MP. and Lady Wilson. Mr Wington Courchill. Mr. Land Mr. Gurchill. Sir Lincian Hallian. Mr. Harold Vickers and Kirs Eve Thomas.

Dinners

Mr Fred Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, and Mrs Mulley were hosts at a dinner given by her Majesty's Government at Lancaster Honse last night in

Lancaster monse tast night in honour of Mr Barney Danson. Canadian Minister of National Defence, and Mrs Danson. Others present included:

Detectic, and said business of the present included:

Mr Pat Black, Mr E. Acker, Commender D. Lory, Major A. Davis, Capitain and Wire H. O. Arnsdorf, Air Chief, Marshal Sir Nall and Lady Wheeler, Vice-Anninal Stagordon and Lady Tait, Mr Frank Chert, Mr and Mrs Judio, Mr John Cibert, Mr and Mrs Judio, Mr John Strant, Godman Irvine, Mr David Noung, Mr Bryant, Godman Irvine, Mr David Noung, Mr Robert, Belle, Mr And Mrs Commender, Mr David Noung, Mr Robert, Belle, Mr Godman Irvine, Mr David Noung, Mr Robert, Belle, Mr Godman Irvine, Mr David Noung, Mr Robert, Belle, Mr Godman Irvine, Mr David Noung, Mr Robert, Belle, Mr Commodore, Mr L. Salthone, Mr David Noung, Mr Robert, Mr David Mrs F. W. Page, Mr R. Teilford, Mr All Commodore J. W. Frost, Mr end Mrs F. W. Page, Mr R. Teilford, Mr and Mrs L. A. Sanson, Mr and Mrs and Mrs L. A. Sanson, Mr and Mrs All Mrs Commedore and Mrs F. Elassford,

The Fan Makers' Company held their livery dinner at the Mansion House yesterday evening when the Master and Mrs Royce, the

Free Warden and Mrs Davis and

Free Warden and Mrs Davis and the Foreign Warden and Mrs Mobbs and the Court of Assistants entertained members of the livery and their friends to meet the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and Sheriffs. The Master proposed the civic toast, to which the Lord Mayor replied, and the Foreign Warden proposed

and the Foreign Warden proposed the toast of the guests, to which Lord Kings Norton replied and

also proposed the toasts of the company and the Master. Among those present were:

The Cabness Ambassader. Group Captain the Earl and Countess of Inchester. Sir Peter and Lody Masseled and the Agreet Central for Tamenta, Mrs NewMe and Lody Kings Normal.

Mr Richard Deuby, President of

the Law Society, and members of the council held a dinner ar the Law Society's Hall yesterday even-

ing. Among those present were ;
The High Commissioner for Australia.
The Master of the Rolls. Lord Fraser
of Tulbybelton. Lord Scarman. Sir
Goorge Baker, Lord Justice Bridge,
Mr Peter Archie. OC. MP. Mr Justice
Walton. Mr Justice Graham. Mr
Justice Grown-Johnson. Sir Brean
McCatomer. Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785

The Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1765 held a dinner at the Army & Navy Club last night to commemorate the part played by the Royal Navy in the Korean War, 1950-1953. Admiral Sir Rae McKaig presided and the guest of the evening was Sir Donald Logan.

Service dimners

Fan Makers' Company

HM Government Mr John Glibert, Minister of State for Defence, was host at a lunch-eon given by Her Majesty's Gov-erdment at Admiralty House yes-terday in bonour of Mr Barney, Danson, Canadian Minister of National Defence. Others present

included:

Af C Hardy, Mr Pai Black, Mr E.

Acker Communder D, Lory, Major A,

Davis, Captain H. O. Arnsdorf; Mazehal

of the RAF Sir Neil Cameron, Sit

Autony Duff, Air Chief Marshal Sir

Michael Berthern, Mr Robert Brown,

MP Lieuler unt-Gmeral J. C. C.

Rinharia, Rrow-Admiral B. C. Percorne,

Major General J. M. Cow, Mr J. D.

Bryars Air Commodore R. J. Carson

and Mr D. G. Jones Inter-Parliamentary Union
Mr Ben T. Ford, MP, chairman,
British group, Inter-Parliamentary
Union, was host at a Inocheon
given by the executive committee
at the House of Commons yesterday in honour of a parliamentary
delegation from Brazil led by
Senator Francisco Accioly.

Malaysia-Singapore Commercial Ma'nysta-Singapore Commercial Association
The Malaysia-Singapore Commercial Association yesterday held their annual luncheon at the Savoy Hotel. The guest speaker was Mr Shridath Rampbal, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat. The president, Mr L. H. N. Davis, presided and the guests included:
The High Commissioner for Singapore in Deputy High Commissioner for Malaysia, the UK High Commissioner for Malaysia, the UK High Commissioner for Mingapore and the Agent of the Kingdown of Brunel.

Ladies' Naval Luncheon Club and Charitable Trust Charitable Trust
The President of the Ladies' Naval
Luncheon Club and Charitable
Trust, Lady Nicholson, presided
at their winner luncheon held yesterday at the Rembrandt Hotel.
Mr Richard Baker was guest
speaker and Lady Bayly was in
the chair.

Reception

HM Government Mr Leslie Huckfield, Parliament-ary Upder-Secretary of State, Department of Industry, was host at a reception held at the Ban-queting House last night to mark the inaugural flight of Concorde from New York.

Awarded army scholarships to the following:

T. C. Allen, Sharborn S. J. P. A. Anwyl, Ratellife C. J. P. Carshew, Winchester: J. M. Carwardine. Toristics S. D. A. Cooper, Sournemouth S. R. C. Crawshay, Woolverstong S. D. J. Frausson, Kingston GS: M. L. R. Forman, Serbansted S. R. A. Forman, Serbansted S. R. A. Forman, Serbansted S. R. A. Forman, Serbansted S. R. B. Harrington, Stowe S. R. D. Hequab, E. Harrington, Stowe S. R. D. Hequab, McChant Taylors B. Coaker; J. S. James, Trinity S. Crowion; M. J. S. Kanase, The Kingdon, Nottingham HS: S. J. C. R. B. Serbitons S. C. R. W. Middanis, Stomphows C. Z. C. Mussic, McChant, Stomphows C. Z. C. Mussic, M. P. Presson, Worth S. A. C. Polland, Doual S. P. P. L. Roberts, Aldenhem S: R. A. Robinson, Ampletoch C.: M. J. J. S. Skratton-Christensen, Rugby: J. R. Switt, Marthey W. T. Taylor, Ston: N. R. Tubbs, Bournemouth S. R. J. Wake-Hold, Levels, GS; J. J. T. D. Waze-Hold, Levels, GS; J. L. T. D. Waze-Hold, Levels, GS; J. Waze-Hold, Levels, GS; J. R. Serbatton-Hold, Levels, GS; J. L. T. D. Waze-Hold, Levels, GS

Church news

The Ministry of Defence has awarded army scholarships to ine following: Oxford college named From Our Correspondent Oxford The university administrator is Dr I. Herrman, secretary to the university and industry committee, who also served as secretary to

The appointment of 22 founding fellows of Green College, which is being established for postgraduate clinical students in the buildings and grounds of the Redcliffe Observatory, Oxford, was announced yesterday.

smounced yesterday.

The college is named after Dr Cecil H. Green, an industrialist and scientist from Dallas, Texas, and its wife, who in October gave film for the project.

When the founding of the college was amounced, Sir Richard Doll, Regius Frodesor of Medicine at Oxford, who has been appointed its warden, said he hoped the governing body would include representatives of disciplines other than medicine.

The appointments beer out that hope. They include two members of the department of social and administrative studies, two scientime and an administrator. The two social scientists are-

Mr D. Tindali and Mr S. Tindali, Mrs R. Mosgan, Mr and Mrs F. T. Sacon, Alaria Counters Cowley. Lady Mostyn, the Hon Liewellyn Mostyn, Mr Miles Park, Miles P. Reymoids, Mr R. Saneston, Mr and Mrs R. Hilary, Mrs G. Vivian-Neal, Mrs R. Spents.

Millerd, lecturers in the depart-ment, who trein social workers. The scientists are Mr G. Myatt, university lecturer, department of nuclear physics, and Dr D. J. Rogers, university lecturer, Hope Department of Zoology, entomo-

Other university news includes:
ORIEL COLLEGE. The futuring have
been decided honorary fellows.
For the college of the college, and University. Governor Generaldecignate of Australia, formerly a
fellow of the college; and General Sar
Barry True, Deputy Suprone Allied
Commander Rarope, temperaty a commoner of the college. on December 7. Canon E. Turner officiated, assisted by the Rector of Lexded and the Vicar of Shrub End. The Bishop of Colchester pronounced the biessing. Addresses were given by the High Steward for Colchester, Lord Alport, and the Assistant County Commissioner for Scouts, Mr E. R. Markhent Lessons were read by Mr Brian Harrison and Mr C. J. Tinson. Among those present were: 25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday, December 9, 1952 Coronation plans

Coronation plans

The Earl Marshal announced yesterday that the Queen has approved alterations and additions to the arrangements for the coronation celebrations. The route of the procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey has been extended; the use of television during the coronation service is to be extended to parts east of the screen, and it is hoped that the Recognition, the Crowning and the Homage will be included. Various events have been added to the programme of celebrations during June and July which was announced four months ago, including four aftermoon drives by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh through London. It was amounced in October that television would be restricted to the processions west of the choir screen, but that a film of the ceremony would be available for subsequent showing in the television service. Vivian-Neal, Mrs R. Spence.

The Lord Leutenhau of Easers, Sir John Ruggles-is-so, the Vice Lord Lieutenhau of Resears, Sir John Ruggles-is-so, the Vice Lord Lieutenhau and Mrs Capel the Wice Lord Lieutenhau of Colchester and Mrs Roll, the Town Clerk, Lady Alport, the Vice-Chancellor of Easer University and Mrs Schman, the chalman of the conncil of the university and Mrs Critical, the mannher of Parliament for Colchester Income and Company and representatives of Colchester Rolly Commander, the partners of Ellison and Company and representatives of Colchester Rolly Colchester Royal Grammar School, Colchester Colseevalle and Lid and many other Irends.

Queen's Bench Division

'Phobia a reason for not wearing a seat belt' Condon v Condon

Before Mr Justice Bristow A woman's phobia which made the wearing of a seat belt unbearable was no reason for reduc-ing the damages awarded to her as a result of her husband's negligent driving.

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negligent driving.

Mr lustice Bristow so stated when giving judgment for £11,090 in favour of Mrs Joyce Mary Condon, aged 53, of Fetcham, Surrey, in her claim for damages for personal injuries consequent on an accident when she was a front seat passenger in the family Cur which her husband Mr Anthony Condon, was driving to a wedding in October, 1974. Her main Injury was to her right eye main injury was to her right eye and site has a permanent disa-bility in her sight. The husband's negligence was not in dispute. The issue was whether Mrs Condon's injuries were contributed to by her own negligence in failing to wear her seat belt. Mr John Crowley for Mrs Condon: Mr Peter Ripman for Mr Condon. MR JUSTICE BRISTOW said

that as far as the evidence went the piece of glass which damaged the eye was just as likely to have been dislodged from the car window or windscreen by the car inting a telephone pole as by any impact between Mrs Condon's head and the windscreen. The fact that the eye injury and some modest cuts were the only injuries to her fuce suggested that it was unlikely that not weering a seat bekt had the time of the condon the c anything to do with the injury at all. all.
His Lordship was not satisfied that her failure to wear her seat

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr David Pelham Papillon was held at St James's, Colchester,

Mr D. P. Papillon

No lay-off pay for part-time women workers

Mailway (Southern) Ltd v Willsher

A part-time woman packer who worked as and when she could was held by the Employment Appeal Tribunal not to be entitled to a guarantee payment when work was not available, since she was not required to work in accordance with [a] contract of employment "within the meaning of section 22(1) of the Employment Protection Act, 1975. The tribunal allowed an appeal by Mailway (Southern) Ltd from a decision of a London industrial tribunal that Mrs Marion Willsher was not had the less work in accordance with a guarantee payment when her work stopped in March, 1977.

MR JUSTICE KILNER BROWN, sitting with Mrs D. Lancaster and was entitled to a guarantee payy at ment when her work stopped is March, 1977.

Sfied MR JUSTICE KILNER BROWN, particular day. She was lavited to seat sitting with Mrs D. Lancaster and work and was told that work was

belt contributed to her injuries. However, in deference to counsel's argument consideration had to be given to whether that failure was a failure in the circumstances to take reasonable care for her own safety.

Following Froom v Butcher (1976) OB 285) the question was whether, having regard to the individual plaintiff, the refusal to wear a seat belt was reasonable. The Court of Appeal had said, in ordinary cases, no. In the case of a pregnant woman, yes. In the case of a pregnant woman, yes. Why? Because of their physical condition and the consequences which wearing a seat belt man, yes. In the case of a pregnant woman, yes. Why? Because of their physical condition and the consequences which wearing a seat belt might involve for them.

His Lordship was satisfied on the medical evidence that Mrs Condon genulnely had a phobia

Which would make the wearing of the wearing of the risk of injury. That was not a keat belt something which she could not bear, because of the inducted of being trapped in case of an accident. Because of her phobia and the consequences which wearing a seat belt involved for her, she was not the ordinary case. She was an extraordinary case. She was an extraordinary case in the same the ordinary case in the same way as the corpulent man or the pregnant woman.

For Mrs Condon the same of their physical condition and the consequences which wearing a sear belt might involve for them.

His Lordship was satisfied on the court of Appeal had said, in the case of an accident. Because of the phobia and the consequence which wearing a sear belt might involve for them.

His Lordship was satisfied on the medical correction of the pounds he was awarding of the appalling leap in inflation case the court said that it was underly publicized evidence that the court said that it was underly publicized evidence that the wearing of sear belts reduced

Lord Which she should receive for the injuries resulting of the reasonable care for beauties of the risk of the r

to a guarantee payment.

Prover. Judge Stanley Price. QC. Chief Mander Graham-Urean. Rear-Admired OBITUARY Godfrey Place, VC. and Mr David McNelli, QC.

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR BASIL EMBRY A great RAF operational commander

exist between them to make possible his acceptance of the post of Chief of Staff. He returned to the Wittering sec-

tor in January, 1942, and in November went to Fighter Command in charge of night

operations until he was appointed Senior Air Staff Officer at No 10 Croup, defending the West of England

and Wales, chiefly against the

sneak raids of German fighter

bombers.

In May, 1943, he was appointed to No 2 Group, in the rank of Air Vice-Marshal,

a tactical formation building up

for the launching of operation "Overlord". Here he was able

to enforce his dictum, that

commanders must have practi-cal up-to-date knowledge of

flying operations. He, his staff officers, army liaison officers and even a chaplain flew on

operations. Embry claimed that it transformed the morals

Tactically he concentrated on improving bombing accuracy and as a development intraduced the wide use of models.

of targets to make precision attacks. The Group made mag-

nificent pin-point bombing attacks on Gestapo headquar-

attacks on Gestapo headquarters in the centres of Durch and Danish cities and on the Amiens prison and on the V. weapon sites in Northern France. The Commander, himself, flew in attacks on this type of target in Aarhus, Copenhagen and Odense, masquerading as "Wing Commander Smith" in case he fell into the hands of the enemy who had put a price upon his head, For this he was awarded the DFC. He was made a CB in January, 1945, and his fourth DSO was awarded in July, shortly after his appointment as KBE.

In that month his operational

career ended with his appointment as Director General of

Training in the Air Ministry, later made Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Training). In April, 1949 he was appointed AOC-inC, Fighter Command where he had

more opportunity to display his drive and energy. He did much

to achieve unity between the defence and worked vigorously

to improve the control and reporting network at a time

when general stringencies left it with inadequate funds.

Embry was not slow to show gratitude for the remarkable assistance he had been given when getting through France in 1940 and he became the first chairman of the RAF Escaping Society. His career took him back to France in July, 1953 when he accepted what was to be his last appointment, Com-

be his last appointment. Com-mander-in-Chief of Allied Air-Forces Central Europe, under Marshal Juin. In the delicate

and touchy atmosphere of an international headquarters Sir

Basil found it difficult to make headway and his uncompromis-

ing temperament jarred on many. He managed to knit his complex command a little more

consplex together but he left Fontainbleu at the end of 1955 with a strong feeling that he

had been largely frustrated in what he had sought to do. Soon

afterwards he was retired from the RAF in not the happiest of

it was a matter of ill-con-

cealed regret to him that he was not given the appointment of Chief of the Air Staff. He would

have been a strong holder of

that office but, in peace time at least, he had not those qualities

of patience and diplomacy that

the head of a Service must bare.
But if his career was not rewarded with this crowning achievement he had made his mark as one of the RAF's

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of the Group.

KBE

Air Chief Marshal Sir Basil
Edward Embry, GCB, KBE,
DSO, DFC, AFC, died yesterday in Australia at the age of 75. He was perhaps the most redoutable operational pilot to achieve his rank in the Royal Air Force; he was above most of his fellows a man with "fire in his belly". When war came he was at the right stage in his career to play a part in which his martial and fiery temperament was given ample scope. In the end Embry was bitterly disappointed that the office of Chief of Air Staff did not come to him but most of his contemporaries would have agreed that in spite of his great operational record, his incisive mind and devotion to the Royal Air Force, he lacked qualities

a leader whose exploits rapidly made him a legendary figure far outside his own country.

It was typical of Embry that hi, autobiography should begin with his first flight in an aircraft in April, 1921. Before that the grader is left to imagine the reader is left to imagine that it was all a faint prelude to this significant moment when he first became airborne. He was born 19 years before, on February 28, 1902, at Barnwood, Gloucestershire, the son wood, Gioucestersure, the son of a clergyman, and was aducated at Bromsgrove School. He entered the RAF in 1921 and his first posting was to No 4 Squadron at Farnborough. But the young Embry was determined to extract his fill of adventure from the RAF and request for service overseas of adventure from the RAF and request for service overseas was soon met and he joined No 45 Squadron for a three year tour of duty in Iraq. En route to the Near East the RAF personnel on board the troopship were diverted to Turkey during the Chanak crisis and for a short while Embry had the unexpected task of pewspaper censor in the Turkish Post Office.

When he and his squadron

When he and his squadron reached Iraq they began their duties in the new role Tranchard had devised for the RAF, air control of an undeveloped territory. The control of th troubled state of Kurdistan and the Turkish threat to Mosul gave opportunity for the RAF to go into sporadic policing action during the next few years and none seized the opportunities more vigorously than Embry who remained in Iraq until 1927, spending the latter part of his tour with No. 20 Sayadran

30 Squadron.

During this period he flew on more than 70 operational missions and also took a leading part in blazing the air-mail trail across the desert from Amman to Beghdad and in captaining one of the RAF's first air ambulances, a Vickers Vernon. He regarded his ambulance duties as much of a challenge as the occasional bombing 30 Soundron. as the occasional bombing attacks and was awarded the AFC for this work in 1926. On his return to England he took the Central Flying School

course at Wittering and then went to command a flight at Netheravon where he met Tren-chard and immediately came under his sway. In 1929 Embry returned to CFS where he concentrated his attention on furthering progress in the develop-ment of instrument flying, a subject with which he continued to be concerned later in his carear. After spending most of 1932 at No 23 Group RQ he took the 1933 course at the RAF Staff College.

He obtained his wish for his next appointment, it was to No 1 Indian Wing at Kohat on the North-West Frontier. On premotion to squadron leader in 1936 he was sent to a staff appointment at RAF headquarters India, on operational policy and intelligence duties. The following year he was given his first command, No 20 Squadron, an army cooperation unit, at Peshawar. A year later he was sent back to Delhi to supervise the flying training of Indian Army officers seconded to the Indian Ar Force.

While at Kohat Embry had He obtained his wish for his

Indian Air Force.

While at Kohet Embry had had typical experience of frontier operations in the Mohorand campaign of 1935. Commanding No 20 Squadron he took part in the Waziristan campaigns of 1937 and 1938 and was awarded the first of his four DSOs, for his part in these operations.

It was little to Embry's liking It was little to Embry's liking that war found him back in England at the Air Ministry where he had been serving since March 1939 in the Directorate of Operations and it irked him that it took seven days to shake the dust of Whitehall from his feet and get an operational posting. This was to command No



of the two units which bad made the first bombing attack of the war on German warships in the Schillig Roads on September 4. To some extent events shaped the man. The war gave him opportunities to flourish as a leader where extent events. his first operational sortie over enemy territory on September 25 and luckily escaped after being shot up by German fight-ers near the Ruhr. This was the first of many gallant episodes in a remarkable war-time career, characterized throughout by a burning zeal to carry the fight to the enemy. During 1940 he gained two DSOs, in April and August.

Bur while he was with 107 Squadron, Bomber Command learnt the costly lesson that formations of bombers could not fight their way through to their targets and this led to a full in his operational flying until the Norwegian campaign opened. He was soon leading his squadron in attacks on German warships and then after the enemy landings, on air bases.

When the advance came through Holland and Belgium he was involved in the bombing attempts to check the invaders. They were highly hazardous missions but he survived although on 15 occasions in tewer days his aircraft was damaged. He might have gone unscathed if he had not made one last flight with 107 Squadron on the very day he was posted to command West Rayn-ham with the rank of Group Captain. In an attack on German

Captain. In an attack on German troops advancing on Dunkirk his gunner was killed and he and his navigator escaped by parachute. He was captured and although wounded in the leg broke away from a column of prisoners-of-war on the march, having been inspired by the omen of a sign-post directing to "Embry, 3 kilometres".

The story of his adventures was told in a bestseller, Mission Completed (1957), describing his three captures, his disposal of three guards, his wimessing of Hitler's arrival in Paris and his 700 mile journey across France to Spain. After his return home he chafed through imposed sick leave and was not happy when he was made a staff officer at No 6 Group, the operational training group of Bomber Command. An offer to revert to wing commander rank and the command of a newly revert to wing commander rank and take command of a newly formed night fighter wing was gladly accepted.

First at Southend and then at the Wittering sector Embry pursued his task with great

determination. He did much to improve the standard of night interception, helped at one stage by the Hegal introduction of a few Cambridge under-graduates to prove that the Al sets required intelligence to operate them successfully. His creation of the largest landing strip in the country at Wittering was a classic example of the triumph of determination over orthodox procrastination.

orthodox procrastination.

At the request of Tedder, Embry was sent out to North Africa in October, 1941, and attached to the staff of the Desert Air Force to advise on fighter and bomber tactics. He devoted the same enthusiasm to this new sphere of activity and pushed through the adoption of the wing leader system for the wing leader system for the wing leader system for fighter operations. But he was not on happy terms with Coningham, the commander of the Desert Air Force, and fek that the necessary rapport did nor some of the daughter of Captain C. S. Elliot, RN. They had direct some and a daughter. the necessary rapport did not sons and a daughter.

DR PETER GOLDMARK Dr Peter Carl Goldmark, the Hungarian-born enginer who developed the microgroove long playing record and an early practical colour television system, died in the United States on December 7. He was 71. team produced the longitaving record which employed a groove of 0.003 inch as against one of 0.01 inch for the 78 rpm record. This revolutionized the record industry.

on December 7. He was 71.

Born in Budapest in 1906,
Goldmark studied engineering
and physics in Berlin and
Vienna. He worked in Britain
for a short time and emigrated
to the United States in 1933.
He joined the CBS laboratories
in 1936 and began work on a
colour television system that
was first demonstrated in 1940.
In 1948 Goldmark and his Goldmark became vice-president of CBS in 1950 and among his many other inventions was a scanning system that enabled United States spacecraft orbiting the moon to relay pictures back to earth.

He retired from CBS in 1971 and formed his own company Goldmark Communications Cor poration.

Science report

Contraception: Use of nasal sprays Indian scientists working with thought to go directly to the hypothesus monkeys have shown that a nasal spray can be as effective involved in the regulation of a form of contraception as a pill. Dr. T. C. Anand Rumar and his

Dr T. C. Anand Kumar and his colleagues at the Ali India Institute of Medical Sciences, in Delbi, report in this week's Nature that steroids sprayed into the nostriks will suppress ovulation. Such a method, if proved to be working as the sciendists believe, might have considerable advantages over oral contraception.

Dr Kumar and his colleagues sprayed into the monkey's nostriks mixtures containing either the natural bormone progesterone or neothisterone, a synthetic compound with similar properties, widely used in oral contraceptives. Afterwards the low concentrations of steroid hormones in the blood, together with shrinking of the ovaries, indicated that both progesterone and neothisterone had suppressed to the contraction of the ovaries, indicated that both progesterone and neothisterone had suppressed to the contraction of the covaries, indicated that both progesterone and neothisterone had suppressed the contraction of the covaries, indicated that both progesterone and neothisterone had suppressed the contraction of the covaries, indicated that both progesterone and neothisterone had suppressed the contraction of the covaries, indicated that both progesterone and neothisterone had suppressed the contraction of the covaries of the covarie

involved in the regulation of reproduction.

By producing several stimulatory and inhibitory substances the hypothalamus controls the release of hormoose that determine the reproductive state of the body. Steroids of the type used in contraceptive pills act on the hypothalamus to tip the balance of hormonal equilibrium in the body so that ovulation is permanently suppressed.

But oral contracentives do not affect the hypothalamus alone, because they enter the blood and pass round the body before reaching the brain. The resulting side-effects may include breast tenderness and increased wedge.

method proved adaptable for human use, would represent an important advance in contractor, thou, and the World Realth Organization has a task before investigating possible nasal coursecutives for men as well as women. But Dr Kumar and his col-leagues have not convinced all their scientific and medical col-

their scientific and medical calleagues that steroids pass straightfrom the nostril into the hypethalamus. It still has to be themsdefin't vely most they do not enter,
the blood circulation and passround the body before reachingthe brain. Until that is done doubtswill remain about the value of
nasal administration.

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LTA to s The arbotators of Form Parker Com 2 effects may include breast tenderuess and increased weight. Propouents of masal compaception believe that it would by pass those
difficulties because, they say, the
steroids can be delivered directly
to the hypothalamus without
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should be possible with smaller
doses of steroids than are used in
pills.
Such developments is the Another obstacle to any hoped-for revolution in connaception would be the common cold. It seems unlikely that a steroid spray would penetrate nosmis blocked by catarrit. aligned electric political miled cleaning to the file half of the file of the fil ovaries, indicated that both progas-terone and neothisterone had sup-pressed ovulation.

The basis for the experiments, which are being done under the auspices of the World Health Organization, is the ballef that steroids administered through the nostrils rapidly pass into the cerebrospinal fluid. Then they are By Nature-Times News Service.
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O Nature-Times News Service. Such developments, if The Walls 327

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Boycott finds life is worth living again after making another 100

Peshawar: The weather at this time of year takes a lot of heather, with sunsy days and crisp nights, and the Services ground is nearly kept and pleasantly tree-lined. Though it is used less for cricker in an it used to be. It was there and with a more not MCC any more, which, however sensible, is a little sad, and only in Test marches are they england) scored 285 for three regalant a side playing in the marches are they are also playing in the marches are they be the local governor.

Heavy dew and a certain moistimove about for the first hour or so, and it was mirning by this interaction, when the pitch was beginning to dust. The English spin bowleet should take some wickets temorrow and on Saturday, if they bowl well enough.

It was here in 1967 that Brearley made 312, for an MCC under-25 side. That was on a flatter, true, direr wicket he says, and the field were now. The home side, with four Test players in it (though only one of these is a bowler) bowled tidity today, finding more carly pace than one usually sees in Pakistan.

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

Peshawar, Dec 8

There are many worse places in which to watch a game than peshawar. The weather at this plane of year takes a lot of beatism, and the Services ground is nearly and the services and the services ground is nearly than the services of the service

It was left to Roope to do that this evening, and he succeeded admirably. The only trouble with Boytott batting for so long when there are only three games in the programme before the Test series begins in that it deprives others of the chance of practice. But that has long been a bone of contention and it is all for the best that he is among the runs.

ENGLAND XI: First innings
Boycott. not out
M. Brearley, b Abdul Raquit 17
C. Rose, run out
W. Rardall, b Wastim Raja 15
R. J. Roble, b do out
Extras (n=b 17, 1-b 3, b 51 225 Total (3 wkts)
C. Miller, C. M. Old, I. T. Botham,
R. W. Trylor, J. K. Lever, R. G. D.
Willis to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-105,
2-141, 3-173.

Pakistan lift ban on five Packer recruits

Labore, Det 8.—Pekistan's Board of Cantrol today lifted their ban on the five players who are playing in Kerry Pecker's series in daustralia. They also invoked four decksion less month which forbade the team to play against England the Test series, starting next the team are Mushtan Mohammad, the captain of Pakistan until he algued for Mr Pecker, Majid Khen, Zicheer Abbas and Invan Khan. The fifth, Asil Iqbal, had already said that he would not play in the

series.

However, the invitation is unlikely to induce the players to return, according to sources here. The first Test against England starts here next Wednesday and the series will be over before Mr Packer's matches finish in Australia. The players have already rejected the Board's offer of 5,000 rupees (£280) to play in the Tests against England.—Reuter.

World XI put on defensive by Garner's bowling

Bendigo, Dec 8.—Barry Richards supplied the only sparkle to a luck-light between the world supplied the only sparkle to a luck-light batting display by a World XI in their limited overs world keries cricket match against a west Indian XI, here today. At the end of the first day of the two-day match the World XI were all out for 224, and in reply the West Indians were 68 for one.

Richards was top scorer with 61 and shared an oparing partnership of 93 runs with England's Bob Woolmer. Richards had hit one buge six and four other boundaries when Garner started a collapse by having Woolmer caught by the wing Woolmer caught by the wicketkeepar Murray for 78. In three overs the World XI were on the defensive, and only a steady 56 by Asif took them past 1910. Garner was the pick of the West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling, flaishing with three for 31. The West Indian bowling begin had been and the other three county certes. Reappointed cauthout and the other three county certes. Reappointed captain of Circket authorities and players involved in the breakaway Packer action. Create authorities and players involved in the breakaway Packer. Reappointed captain of Circket authorities and players involved in the breakaw Richarda, for nine runs.

From this point the World XI were on the defensive, and only a tready \$6 by Asif took them pest \$700. Garner was the pick of the West Indian bowling. Maishing with three for 31. The West Indian's innings began badly when Rowe, who came in at the last minute because of a minor hand injury to Greenidge, was our with evily, nine runs scored. But Vivian Pichards and Fredericks punished the World XI fast bowlers Imman and Procter in the last hour to

WEST INDIAN XII First bridge
L. Rowe C. Knott, D. Imrun. Khan 30 Sussex position put their side in a strong position.

N. Frederick, not out

V. A. Richards, not out FALL OF WICKET: 1-9.-Renter.

Tony Greig, captain of the Rest of the World XI, today called for Two new umpires for Tests

Constant, Lloyd Budd, and Tom Spencer, plus two newcomers to Tests. Barry Meyer, a former thoucestershire wickerkeeper, and Ken Palmer, a Somerset all-munder. Of these, Spencer is re-laced by John Langridge, for the bur Prudential Cup one-day inter-nationals. Mr Bird and Mr Meyer will umplied the Gillette final and the Constant and Mr Langridge The experiment lavolving two streets continues, or a slightly direct basis. Tem Brooks from

Bill Alley loses his status as a Test match umpire next season. In a Test match umpire next season. It is too lose a period and their successors. The six-man panel for the twin spries against Pakistan and New Nealand and B. Satyall Rao of Constant. Lloyd Budd, and Tom Sornicer, plus two newcomers to Tests, Barry Meyer, a former lourestershire wicketkeeper, and

as reserves. Now they stand by right, taking over for two months in turn from Peter Rochford, who did not reapply. The 24 umpires appointed to the first class list for 1978 are:

Second Test problems for Indians

Sydney, Dec 8 .- The Indian cricket selectors must find some way of strengthening their middle-order bearing if their team are to have any chance of winning the second Test match against Australia, starting in Perth on December 16. As the excitement of the first Test subsides, Polly Umrigar, Bishen Bedi and Sunil Gavaskar must be reflecting on the failures of Brijesh Patel and Ashok Mankad.

Ashok Mankad.

Had either of these barmen complied a reasonable total in the second innings, India would have been the victors and not the gallant vanquished, only 16 runs adrift. Added to this, the selectors must reteriluate the seam bowler. Maden Let's position in the team. Regarded as an all-rounder, he showed a discouraging aversion to fast bowling, being removed twice by Wayne Clarke for four and two.

clarified by secretary

Stanley Allen, the Sussex socre-tary, issued the following state-ment yesterday: "My attention has been drawn to misleading reports which have appeared in the press and on television relat-ing to certain avenus following the

Sussex captain.

"George Cox did resign from the cricket sub-committee at the end of the committee meeting when Greig was re-appointed captain. Notwithstanding this, he remains a member of the full committee and is at present seeking reelection to the new committee which takes office next April.

"Buly Griffith is not, and has not been, a member of the full committee for some years. He is, at present, a member of the coun-cil and the cricket sub-committee but is not seeking election to the newly constituted committee which will take office text April. This decision was communicated to ma in mid-November."

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Miss Wade prevails after early setback

iy Rex Bellamy

Tennis Correspondent Eastern Europe beat Britain 3-0 in an accidental "team much" that formed yesterday afternoon's programme in the women's Bremer Cup tennis tournament at Crystal Palace. London. It is no source of national pride that in every match Britain's representative won the Renata Tomanova (Czecho-

dovskia), runner up for this year's Italian championship, beat Belinda Thompson, eleventh in Britain's rankings, by 3—6, 6—1, 6—3. Florenta Mihai (Romania) runner-up for the French championship, beat Glyrnis Coles, ranked third, by 3—6, 6—3, 6—4. Then Virginia Ruzici (Romania) beat Jacqueline Favter, ranked fifth, by 3—6, 6—4.

The best recovery occurred in the second match, in which Miss Mari, having lost the first set, was 1—3 and 0—30 down in the second before varying the pattern and pace of the railies so effectively that she won seven consecutive rames. cutive cames.

The evening's winners included Virginia Wade and Betty Stove, who comested the Wimbledon

final. But Mass Wade lost the first set to Heidi Eisterlehner, aged 28, who was runner-up for the German Open championship.

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The development of the international circuit as a whole and its American segment in particular has had an erosive effect on the quality and quantity of European tournaments. Europe's traditional stature has suffered because the Continent was geared to withstand increasing competition for the services of leading players. Women's tournaments declined most, portly because of the attractions of the American inter-city team competition and partly because, so far, Europe has not provided the most fertile has not provided the most fertile soil for the expanding inter-national circuit backed by the Ccigate-Palmolive empire. Finding people like Billie Jean King., Betty Stove, and Virginia Wade competing in a Colgate

Wade competing in a congate series tournament at Crystal Palace is rather like walking down the road and bumping into friends one thought had emigrated. This incursion has arisen on the tripartite intiative of King Emerprises Inc (Mrs King and her lustend are two of the three directions). hand are two of the three directors), Captain Michael Gibson, the former Wimbledon referee. who represents their promotional expansion into Britain, and

Bremar Holdings, international financiers, who have put up the prize money. King Emerprises are picking up the tab for the other promotional costs.

A quick count suggested that there were only about 250 spectators yesterday afternoon. Britain is essentially a conservative society in which nothing worthwhile can be built quickly. Moreover. Crystal Palace was designed for those who play games rather than those who watch them—and in any case is not particularly attractive or convenient for the public. The tournament nevertheless The tournament nevertheless deserved a better response than it has so far elicited.

The Lawn Tennis Association have an "accumulated fund" of £263,752 and a "contingency reserve" of £100,000. It seems reserve of £100,000. It seems reasonable to suggest that they might begin to consider the advantages of courage rather than courion. Britain needs a national tennis centre incorporating yearround training facilities



LTA to study Packer case implications

Court judgment in the recent Studied closely by the Lawn Tennis Association, its members were lold at vesterday's annual meeting in London. Sir Carl Aarvold, the association's president, told dele-sates that he noted "with con-siderable sympathy" the difficuliles faced by the Test and County Cricket Board and the Inter-national Cricket Conference in their dealings with Mr Packer. What is thought best for the

lingation may end in convision...
he said. "Somewhere there must
be a fine line drawn between the
essential control of the game and
an unfair restraint of trade. "This problem has been ever present in the minds of the Lawn Tennis Association since the days of open tennis and the implications of the judgment of Mr Justice Slade will receive our most careful attention." Sir Carl made another reference to the

game and for the player may sometimes come into conflict and conflict may lead to litigation and litigation may end in confusion.

He said. "Somewhere there must prix season in Britain. prix season in Britain.

He said: "We hope to overcome this problem in 1979, but in 1978 it will be highly unfortunate whether to play for their country or to compete in these grand prix tournaments and so enhance their chances of prestige and wealth at Wimbledon. And always behind the scenes their awaits Mr Justice Slade!"

Football

Individuality wins as team follow Cruyff's cue

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Football Correpondent

The value of Johan Cruyff was estimated to be not far short of fim when Barcelona bought him. His worth, in football terms, is fully appreciated by English teams now that he has exposed them at international and club levels twice within a year. He guided the Dutch to victory at Wembley last February and, on Wednesday night in rainy Spain, led Barcelona back from a 3—0 first leg defeat to beat Ipswich Town after

extra time and penalties in the Uefa Cup. If he carries out his threat to If he carries out his threat to rethre at the end of the season, football will lose a rare talent. It was natural to sympathize with ipswich, who had put an imaginary fence round him at Portman road and seemed to have survived in Spain against his more determined nature until they gave away a penalty with three minutes left. But if ever a team lost to individuality, it was in this exciting match played on a slippery pitch.



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At the start, the buge Non Camp Stadium was not a quarter full. Cruyff scored after 20 minutes, not a particularly memorable goal but nearly invited by making himself available for an accurate corner by Rexact. Gradually, though, Cruyff took control while his Dutch colleague, Neeskens, played a deep defensive game watching Marker and later a lively Ipswich substitute. Geddig.

As Cruyff became more involved mysteriously the crowd grew as if following the Pied Piper. Later, it was discovered that there was a live commentary on the radio and local people who had been listening to a match they thought had been lost in England decided that Cruyff could make it worth harving the rain.

Another goal from Cruyff theory after half-time proved them right. Ipswich defended stoutly enough, but this time Caboura found Cruyff more eager

Osman (left) and Geddis gave Ipswich some consolation.

was, they had to rebuild and wait until the 87th minute for Rexach to level the aggregate score with a penalty. Extra time brought no further goals and the unsatisfactory penalty competition gave Barcelona a 3—1 win.

So Insuch returned home wes. Barcelona 3 — I win.

So Ipswich returned home yesterday probably feeling that this was to be another season without reward. Mr Robson is on the Football Association's short list for a position with England, so there could be disruption at Portman Road as well as disappointment. At least they have found Osman and Geddis for the future. As it was last year, obly one British club is now left in the Uefa Cup quarter-final round stage, Aston Villa having confidently beaten Athletic Bibao 3—1 on aggregate. By drawing 1—1 in Spain on Wednesday night, they came close to becoming only the second foreign team to win in Bilbao for 11 seasons.

Even so, that only Villa remain in a competition that British clubs once dominated is a sobering thought, especially as one cannot seriously suggest that Barcelons, for one, are significantly raising the standards. Cruyff and Necskens apart, they are an ordinary ream.

McMenemy warned about future conduct United's manager, expects to have his team at full strength for the game at West Ham, although Hill, Pearson and Grimes are under

of Verson Stokes.

Alan Hudson, Arsenal's expensive and controversial former England midfield player, is in trouble again. Hudson, who has been in and out of the Arsenal side all season and linked with a Spanish club, is serving a two-week suspension imposed by Terry Neill, Arsenal's manager.

Mr Neill was not at Highbury yesterday and Arsenal's secretary vesterday and Arsenal's secretary

By Sydney Friskin

Shortly after their withdrawal from the World Cup hockey

tournement to be held in Argentina from March 19 to April 2 next year, the Soviet Union announced that they could not

take part in the International les-tival at Lord's on March 11 and

12. Their place at Lord's has been taken by Australia who will join

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who beat Italy easily in the qualifying round of the European championship for nations. But Wales were unfortunately excluded from the Inter-Cominental Cup, a World Cup qualifying tournament, from which event Italy emerged fifth, beldind Canada, who automatically filled New Zealand's place when they withdraw from the World Cup.

Ray Stevens, the defending

champion from Essex, will prob-

ably be a last minute withdrawal

from the men's singles when the English national badminton cham-pionships start tonight at Coventry.

He tore two ligaments in his right

ankle a month ago. Despite daily treatment with the West Ham FC

representative play on England's visit to Scandinavia in January. Two international matches are planned on January 3 against Denmark in Copenhagen, and the text day against Sweden in Trelleborg.

The English team will also take part in the important Swedish open championships from January 6 to 3 in Stockholm.

Badminton

By Richard Streeton

England, India and Scotland. That the Soviet Union's place in Argentina will be taken by Italy is a sort point with Wales

Lawrie McMenemy was found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute by the FA yesterday and was warned about his future conduct, as well as being ordered to pay the costs of the hearing.

The Southampton manager brushed aside waiting reporters without comment after emerging from the hearing which lasted two and a half hours at Lancaster Gate. Bolton's manager, lan Greaves, and Southampton's general manager, Ted Bates, were nuong witnesses called by Mr McMenemy.

The incident in question arose at the Southampton-Bolton match of October 22, which ended in a 2—2 draw. Southampton had a strong penalty appeal rejected in the dying seconds and Mr McMenemy was reported by the referee Trevor Spencer for remarks made to match officials. The five-man committee heard the avidence under the chairmanship of Vernon Stokes.

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Leicester's manager, Frank McLintock, will have to reshuffle his
side. He has decided to drop
Whitworth, a full back, McLintock
said: "He has not been producing his best form, so I have had
a talk to him and he has agreed
to take a rest."

Dave Soxton. Manchester

Sexton.

England's matches at Lord's will

put the final touches to their preparation for the world cup

Dave

Australians take the place

of Russians at Lord's

Pearson and Grimes are under treatment for injuries after the midweek match against St Etienne. Pearson has a back injury, Hill a cut ankle and groin trouble and Grimes a call injury. The three who stayed behind for treatment—Macari, Coppell and Ruchan—are also expected to be fit. The chances of Hankin, Leeds United's leading scorer, playing against Arsenal at Highbury improved yesterday. He has been having treatment for a hip injury and his manager, Jimmy Armfield, said that he was much better.

Yesterday's results

Today's fixtures THIRD DIVISION: Colchester Limited v Enter City (7.50): Port Vale v Plymoth Argale (7.50).
ROURTH DIVISION: Crewe Alexandra v Stocker County (7.50): Nouthern United v Novport County (7.50).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Rull Kingsion Rovers v Selford (7.70).

Manchester

Droiessionals

Tom McNab, one of Britain's national coaches, has been appointed an executive director of the Dubal International Athletic championships. Bob Stinson, the secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board, said today that McNab had revealed his decision to join the new professional group in his letter of resignation to them.

"His resignation has been accepted and at the moment I am completing the process of consulting the people involved to see if he will have to serve out his four-month term of contract", Stinson said, "However, it is more than likely that he will make an early departure." tournament. They were badly hit by injuries and illness which caused one or two players to play in unaccustomed positions in the final of the Nehru tournament which they lost 1-0 in New Delhi to the Border Security Force. It was gathered after England's return on Wednesday that there were administrative aspects of the tour which were unatisfactory and an official statement from the Hockey Association is awaited.

Wednesday's matches in the

RESULTS: Newcastle 2. Notungham 0; Sheffield v Durham (postponed); Manchester I. Birmingham 0; Lough-borough 3, Liversool 0 (match gban-dored); East Annila 0, Brisiol 7: Exeter 5, Keni 1: Invist v Bath (postponed); Banger 3, Keel 1.

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There has been a record entry

Stevens likely to pull out of singles

cleverness

Wednesday's matches in the Universities Athletic Union tournament were interrupted by rain but several teams reached the quarter-final round, among them

Athletics

McNab resigns to join professionals

more than likely that he will make an early departure."

McNab. who will be responsible for Europe. Asia, Australasia and the Middle East. was one of the amateurs who said the new group were offering enough money to attract many of the world's top amateurs when the professionals larnched their new venture in the autumn. The Dubal championships, to start late next year, will have almost fim at stake in prize money.

Exeter, Newcastle and Manches-

Derek Talbot (Northumberland) who shared top seeding with Stavens, now becomes a firm favourite to win the title he previously won in 1970, 1971 and 1973. By an unhappy concidence Talbot pulled out of the event with an ankle injury last year at the eleventh hour. This time he seems certain to meet Michael Tredgett (Guocestershire) in the final on Sunday, one more meeting between these regular rivals. As always the contrast in approach will provide the spectacle, with Talbot's controlled attacking game likely to prevail examines. Tredgett's defensive the second of the se in light training, according to her coach, Michael Goodwin. She starts more arduous work in the New

Gliks, and Tredgett and Mrs Perry are expected to meet in the mixed doubles final.

more arduous work in the New Year in preparation for the all Engliand championships at Wembley in March.

Mrs Gilks has an opening match against the 16-year-old Kent player, Gillian Clark. Nora Perty (Essex) who has been playing consistently well this winter on her return to singles play, is seeded to meet Mrs Gilks in the final. Mrs Perry's forte, of course, is doubles, and with aneye to the Uber Cup programme ahead, she and Ann Statt (Hampshire) have been paired by the selectors for these championships. In the final they should meet the established partnership of Barhara Sutton (Essex) and Jane Webter (Suffolk). Elliot Stuart (Northumberland) and Mrs Gilks, and Tredgett and Mrs Perry There has been a record entry of 144 for the chaplouships, which got under way yesterday with qualifying matches. The mea's singles seeds, orginally, in draw order, were Stevens, Michael Wilks (Kent). Tredgett, David Eddy (Staffordshire), David Hunt (Hampshire), Kevin Jolly (Essex), Tim Goode (Surrey), and Eddie Sutton (Staffordshire), who won the northern title recently, are seeded to meet Stevens and Tredgett, winers for the past two years. Stevens and Tredgett, winers for the past two years.

Injury problems have also effected the women's events with Margaret Loockwood (Middlesex), the winner for five of the last six years, and Miss Karen Puttick (Sussex) both recovering from cartilege operations. Mrs Lockwood had a econd operation on

Rugby Union

Nothing creative about omission of Dodge

Rughy Correspondent The unission of Paul Dodge, the young Leicester centre, from the Midlands XV to play South and South West in the inter-divisional match at Bath tomorrow will per-plex and sadden all those who be-lieve that his presence might help this season to give the English midfield an added creativity. As I suggested the other day, no Eng-lish contra distributes the hall with I suggested the other day, no English centre distributes the ball with greater accuracy, better timing or subtlety and none has a better capacity for "reading" a game. It is still not too late, of course, for his selectors, thaired by Budge Rogers, to have second rhoughts before choosing the Midland side for the final round of divisional matches—winners y winners and losers y losers, at Twickenham tomorrow Saturday week. Even if they do not, the national selectors could still bring him in for the trial on January 7. I should be surprised if Dodge did not at least acquire the vote of one of be surprised if Dodge did not at least acquire the vote of one of their number, Mike Weston, whose shrewd yet unspectacular footballing qualities won him 29 caps in England's midfield, and made him always a players' player.

If it has been apparent for some time that Andy Ripley no longer figures in the selectors' minds as a No 8, his omission from the London divisional side looks now to supply conclusive proof. By almost all accounts he had a hetter all-round game than Neil Man-

imost all accounts he had a hetter all-round game than Neil Mantell in last week's inter-regional
contest. So the preference for
Mantell seems firmly to underling
the selectors' intention to disregard the yardstick provided by a
senior performer who can affl
deliver the goods.

It would appear, then, that
Riply, hell-bent on recapturing his
England olace, has been hard
done by. There is not a No 8 in
the country, not even Roger
Utdey, better able to contest the
tail of the lineour against Ensiat
in Paris, nor one more endowed
with the pace so important against
the French. However, Ripley's
contribution to defence, and to
the general chores of tidying up at
the back of the scrummage, and
his sometimes wayward distribu-

the back of the scrummage, and his sometimes wayward distribution at class quarters, weighed against him last season when England decided to tighten up their whole approach. The new arrangement at loose forward undoubtedly was effective. None theless, Ripley appears to have been denied a chance tomorrow that his

last appearance earned. Another unlocky Park player must be the floriler, Bob Mordell.

if the selectors, as things presently indicate, have made up their minds that the flanker, Peter Divon, just lacks the physical presence for an international No 8, and are therefore looking for a younger player to take Uttley's place, then it is another Rosslyn Park forward. John Scott, the England under-23 captain and lock, who could now be their front runger. Here again I must you an houser, but reports suggest front runner. Here again I must go on hearsay, but reports suggest that Scott went promisingly well for the south-west in their unexpected yletary over the supposedly stronger side (virtually Gloucestershire) at Exeter. The yaldstick there was provided by that fire technician, David Rollitt, who is also said to have played thoroughly well. But Rollitt, like Dixen, is not really big enough for the position at international level and, like all of us, is, not getting any younger.

The same (physical) observa-tion might apply to Gary Adey, the Leicester No S. But he is a sound, accomplished footballer who tomorrow will supply a handy yardstick against which Scott can be judged. If things continue to go well for Scott, it will be a remarkable achievement by one defled the chance of playing club football at No 3 because of Park's embarrassment of riches in that position (Ripley, Mantell and the New Zeslander,

of riches in that position (Ripley, Mantell and the New Zeslander, Anderson).

It will come as no surprise that Alstair Hignell has withdrawn as full back for the South and South West divisional XV tomorrow. I believe he had a painkilling injection in his foot hefore the University match, in which he made some wholly uncharacteristic errors. These, however, seemed due much lest to physical frailites than to a lack of mental honing. However, a few more games should soon restore his confidence and judgment. Hienell hopes to be available for his divisional game next week. David Sorrell, the Bristol full back, takes his place at Bath, which will seem hard lines on Paul Winnan, of Pentyn and Cornwall, who apparently had a fine game at Exeter.

One last thought on Tuesday's game—a bouquer for the Weish referee. Clive Norling, who is first University match vita such relaxed aplomb.

Mrs Moser's fate lies hidden in a sealed box

By John Hennessy
Val d'Isère, Dec 8

Annemarie Moser, of Austria, is
the first skier to be apprehended
by the new rule, introduced this
season, governing the clothing
worn by racers. Originally placed
second, behind Lise Maria Morerod, of Switzerland, in today's
World Cup glant slalom, she was
provisionally disqualified several
hours later, pending a further
check. The new rule outdaws the
use of material that allows less
than 50 litres of air to pass
through one square metre in one through one square metre in one second. Mrs Moser's sult allowed only about a balf of that volume. If, at first glance, this sounds several removes from the sport of ski-racing, it has an important justification. In the quest for acrodynamic one-upmanship, racers recently gravitated to "lish-skin" suits, so slippery as to prove dangerous on steep slopes. It was in the racers' interest, indeed at their bohest, that there should be some control. This has taken the form of an instrument resembling a large vacuum cleaner.

should be some control. This has taken the form of an instrument resembling a largo vacuum cleaner. Under the new rule, checks are made at random or even, perhaps, not at all.

There was a check yesterday that revealed no irregularity in the downhill and another today, in the presence of the chief of police, of the first four to firish and two others, all of whom, save Mrs Moser, satisfied the mathine. The check was made at the end of the second run but a mark made on each racer's suft at the start of the first run ensured that there could be no skulduggery by a change at lunch. The fish-skin suits were said to have saved a second in a downhill race. The probability is that Mrs Moser were a suit from last year, either through oversight or to combat the cold, since all clothing provided this year has been sent away to St Gallen in a sealed box for further examination and the result is expected on Monday. Meanwhile, back at La Daille, the clanging cowbells had been the result is expected on Monday. Meanwhile, back at La Dallic, the clanging cowbells had been almost stilled in mid-peal during the afternoon. They were heralding yet another Swiss triumph when Miss Morerod struck an icy patch 200 metres from the end of the course. A right less thrown wide, however, was enough to prevent her from toppling over her left ski to statistical oblivion and she safely negotiated the last five gates.

ceded such a margin to the Swiss on the first run, 2.54sec, that there was never a possibility of her overhauling Miss Morerod. In the event, Mrs Moser had the best second run and thus rose from sixth place in the first run to second on overall time. She will not know until next week whether or not she has to forfelt 20 World Cup points. As in yesterdays' downhill, a little regarded eighteen-year-old West German secured second place.

She was Marix Epple, whose total time of 2min 34.03sec was 1.67sec behind Miss Morerod and 1.67sec behind Miss Morerod and
0.14sec behind Mrs Moser. Miss
Epple was second to Miss
Morerod on the first rue, so that
when the Swiss momentarily
filrted with disaster, a totally unexpected German victory seemed in prospect. In the event, Miss Morerod recovered her equilibrium and Mrs Moser, temporarily at any rate, her reputation. arily at any rate, her reputation.

The race was of further historic interest in presenting a women's glant slaiom over two runs in a World Cup for the first time. Miss Morerod, last year's winner of the World Cup computed from all three events—downhill, slaiom and glant slaiom—attributed her comparatively poor second run to this change. She had found it difficult, she said, to maintain her concentration (concentration is the voque word in sport these days). Certainly, it must twang the nerves to bave to return to the fray four hours after a first encounter, but it is a cross that men skiers have had to bear for many years now. For domestic reasons, too, the race was notable in a lesser way because it probably signalled the approaching end of the road for Valentina lliffe, for five years now Brimin's leading woman skier.

Miss lliffe was today beaten fair woman skier.

Miss Hiffe was today beaten fair
and square at the tall of the field and square at the fall of the fleid by two younger compatriots, Lucy Holmes and Moira Cargill. Miss Holmes was 56th in a total time of 2min 49.06sec, Miss Cargill 57th in 2min 50.83sec and Miss Biffe 60th in 2min 52.56sec. The three finished in the same order on before 60th in 2min 52.56sec. The three finished in the same order on both individual runs, so Miss liffe's discomfinure was complete.

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Equestrianism

The cowbells now were in full voice as Miss Morerod was seen to have established a lead of more than two seconds. The formidable Mrs Moser was still to run her second leg but she had con-

Broome continues to ride high after 18 years

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

David Broome (three times European Champion, World champion from 1970 to 1974 and with Harris Carpets' Heatwave.

Knudson again runs smoke rings round rest of world

From Dudley Doust Manila, Dec 8

George Knudson, who won the individual title in 1966 and 1968, reemerged as a World Cup force here today, when he led the field with a 69 to carry Canada into the first round lead of the event at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club. He and his countryman, Dave Barr, are on 139, four strokes clear of the 49-nation field.

The other forceumers, not un-proceedings are the United States, and 143. and, jointly in third place, page 222 and South Korea, a single which behind the Americans. The British teams are just about out of reach of the leaders: Scotland's of reach of the leaders: Scotland's Ken Brown (75) and Brian Barnes (76) He in equal eleventh place; England's Nicholas Faldo (73) and Peter Dawson (79) are fifteenth; Wales's Craig DeFoy (76) and David Vaughan (77) are sixteenth; and Ireland's Eamonn Darcy (76) and Eddic Polland (78) who, oddly crough, were fleetingly leading emough, were fleetingly leading the field at one stage, slumped to level nineteenth. It taxes one's memory to cite a year in which the British Isles have got off to a worse start in the World Cup.

Pride of place belonged to nudson, aged 40, the ceaseless noker with the tinted glasses, no five times has won his stional PGA champlonship. Knudon, in simple terms, chipped in vice and holed a bunker shot whis SQ three strokes under par for his 69, three strokes under par, but never was in trouble on the slow, swirly-textured greens. Hubert Green too, best the

First round scores in Manila

United States: H. Green 69, La Gres 75.
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chipped in twice fo rhis 69, and the great Severiano Ballesteros, who is in the Spanish team, depended heavily on his partner, Amonio Ganrido, who returned a 71 depicts on early stram of

Antonio Gárrido, who returned a 71, despite wn early spasm of nerves. The last has not been heard of Spain. Hope springs eternal for a youngster like Ballesteros, who can play so barly, bending strokes round palm trees, and still get home in 73.

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and still get home in 73.

Faldo had a solid 73, but without support from the left-handed Dawson, England appear to be out of the hunt. As for Ireland, Darcy stood on the seventh green, Darcy stood on the seventh green, bead his team well into the lead. He missed. He dropped shots on the next two holes, on the ninth from 10 inches. Pure fatigue overtook him. He wobiled home through the heat in 39, once visiting the water that laces Wack Wack.

once visiting the water that laces Wack Wack.

The competition is going to form, the strong powers struggling genuinely for the title and the weaker powers, such as the good-natured players from Nepal and Yngoslavia, struggling to beat each other out of last place in this event. So far, each seem safe: the Libyan players, returning scores of 85 and 98, bring up the rear.

a word of explanation had been heard late in the day by either the players or their golfing Industrion.

Grandstand recovery by Willis and Cull

By our Real Teonis Frank Wills and David Cull. both professionals, made a grand-stand recovery after losing the first two sets and coming within two points of defeat in the third to reach the flual round of the British open real tends doubles championship, sponsored by Curty Sark at Queen's Club, London, yesterday. In the most absorbing match so far played in this event they eventually beat Christopher Ronaldson and Michael Dean, two former Oxford University profesconsists and michael Dean, two ormer Oxford University professionals, by 3—6, 5—6, 6—5, 6—4, —2 after three hours play and will meet the holders, Norwood Cripps and Alan Lovell, in the who contained the volleyer, was acutely sharp in defending the galleries and the grille and killed the ball when given a chance. Ronaldson played the floor thoughtfully and did not fall into the trap of trying to outhit the opponent, notably Willis. But he was atern when attacking the dedans.

poise and Dean brought off a couple of speciacular volleys to win the set. Willis and Cull had, by this time, begun to find a rivitim and an idea of what they had to do to rescue the match. They concentrated on trying to break Romaldson's game—and advanced to 5—2 in the third set. They were capplet at 5—5 but Willis, gaining the service end with a short chase, then produced a Willis, gaining the service end with a short chase, then produced a winning service. Romaldson and Dean playing smoothly and with competence were ahead 4—2 in the fourth set. Here, Cull attacked the dedans and Willis, with his heavy strokes, nagged Romaldson's forehand. The bits went out of the losers' play and they began to fade after Iosing a 40—0 lead at 4—4. Possibly Ronaldson was feeling the effects of his strained back as he had difficulty in getting down to the ball. The winners, especially Willis, treated him unmercifully in the final set.

The other semi-final round match in which Cripps and Lovell beat Howard Angus and David Warburg by 6-0, 6-3, 6-2, lacked the same flair and class. At times it was a slogging match a shade too fast for Warburg with Angus trying to fluish the railies too quickly and Cripps latting too many on to the penthouses.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND! N. A. R. Criers foucen's Cub: and A. B. G. Lovel bost H. F. Angus and D. J. Warburg, 6.—G. 6.—G. 6.—G. F. Willis i Manchester! and D. Call Lurd's! brat C. J. Ronaldson (Royal Mobgurge Chib. Assimilar) and M. F. Dean 6.—6.

Going should suit Zongalero

If we have any more rain, it is

By Michael Seely
Optaion seems to be hardening that Royal Frolic can defy top weight in the Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup, the highlight of a magnificent programme at Cheltenham tomorrow. Royal Frolic was backed with all the leading bookmakers yesterday and is now top quoted at 7-1. High class steeplechasers boast a proud record in this 21-mile race. Titus Oates. Leap Frog. Pendil and Eastly Abbey are four of the last seven winners who have carried seven winners who have carried heavy burdens to victory.

The Tote also reports sound sep-The Tote also reports sound sep-port for Even Melody whose price has been cut from 8-1 to 6-1. Neville Crump told me' at Wetherby on Tuesday that Lady Hay's eight-year-old, who finished a runner-up to Bachelor's Hall in the Mackeson Gold Cup was bound to give a good account of him-self.

going to be hard to overlook the claims of Tip the Wink who, after his easy victory at Chepstow last Saturday, will be far more harshly treated in future handicaps. This afternoon's card at Cheltentam bristles with problems. Zongalero is my hesitant selection to win the day's most "aluable event, the Tony Teacher Handkap Steepleshate. Bred to stay all day. David Montagu's seven-year-old has flattered only to deceive in the past. But the gelding ran well enough in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup behind Bachelor's Hall and Fort Devon until the pace proved too hot in the closing stages. On this afternoon's easier This afternoon's card at Chelstages. On this afternoon's easier surface Zongalero is sure to make a bold attempt from his present mark in the weights. If I could be sure of his fitness, Broncho II would have been

my choice. His recent victory at Nottingham tells us nothing as, starting at 94 on he was fish out to beat the moderate

liant jumping carried him to victory on five occasions last season, including a defeat of Grangewood Garl and Fort Devon in the Weish Champion Steeple-chase. The eight-year-old is bound to go close but may need just one more race to reach his peak.

The former Americae steeple-chaser, Casamayor, is enjoying a fine season. At Worcester in October, he romped away with a minor event beating Comedy of minor event beating Comedy of Errors and a backward Broncho by a wide margin. He then ran Midnight Court to a short head at Doncaster, but was fortunate to do so as Fred Winter's fine prospect was badly hampered at a crucial stage of the race. Casamayor gained a bloodless victory at Avr in his latest outing, as at Ayr in his latest outing, as his only worthwhile opponent, Lucius, came to grief. Peter Bailey's seven-year-old is sure to be fighting out the finish.

If there has been plenty of

with many sterling performances. His Blon-hearted courage and bril-

the reckoning. This grand old warrior was going great guns in the Hennessy until a blunder at the eighteenth fence stopped him in his tracks. But while victory for Broncho would not be a suprise, I shall stand by Zongalero. At Newcastle Hutton Lad may turn out to be the best wager of the day in a competitive Jack-daw Handicap Hurdle. Maurice Camacho was delighted with Hurton Lad's first appearance of the season when, totally unrancied, the six-year-old finished third to Prince Pepe on this course cied, the six-year-old finished third to Prince Pepe on this course recently. Crump's fluent Teesside Park scorer, ke Plant and Gordon Richards's Embargo, who will be suited by the soft ground could pose the biggest problems.

John O'Neill can continue to blaze his trail of success by tak-ing the Swift Handicap Steeple-chase from the Carlisle winner, Stag Party.

Cheltenham programme

[Television (BBC 2): 1.50, 2.25, 3.0 and 3.30 races | 12.45 BRISTOL LONG DISTANCE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £656: 3m)



1.15 KINETON STEEPLECHASE (Handicao: £769: 2m) 1.50 TONY TEACHER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,131: 3m)

3.0 BATH STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £793 : 2m)

3.30 BRISTOL LONG DISTANCE HURDLE (Div II: Novices:

Newcastle programme

12.30 CUCKOO HURDLE (E515 : 2m 120yd) 1.0 WAGTAIL HURDLE (£439 : 2m 120yd)

1.30 SWIFT STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £834: 21m)

2.0 TACKDAW HURDLE (Handicap: £860: 2m 120yd)

2.30 PLOVER STEEPLECHASE (£677: 3m)

3.0 SNIPE HURDLE (£517 : 24m)

Newcastle selections

12.30 Bitter End. 1.0 Gala Lad. 1.30 Stag Party. 2.0 HUTTON LAD is specially recommended. 2.30 Fair Kitty. 3.0 Yellow Fire.

Cheltenham selections By Our Racing Staff

3.9 Choral Festival. 3.30 Copper Ber. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.50 Zongalero. 3.0 Joe Coral.

Collingwood enjoying Collingwood enjoying his best NH season

Meadow Monarch's long-term objective is an assault on the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham's Festival meeting. Eric Collingwood, who owns and trains him, said this after the son of Meadow Mint made it two wins in two outings by cruising home 12 lengths from Melperion in the Glaisnock Novices' Hurdle at Ayr yesterday.

Mummy's Rascal and Melperion shared the lead in the carly stages, but Alan Flint was only blding his time on the 7-2 on favouritte. It was not until approaching two flights from home that Meadow Monarch took up the running and, jumping the last, drew away from his rival. Collingwood, who goes to Hongkong in June, said: "This is easily my best season over the tumps. I have now had 10 wins from 22 runners."

Ridley Lamb came in for jeers has now ridden 38 winners, a best won the title seven years ago.

Credit is also due to Master Up-

Ridley Lamb came in for jeers as he steered the 3 to 1 on chance, Oaldbeck, into the runner-up position after being beaten a neck by the 10 to 1 Drumeen in the Marchburn Novices' Steeplechase. The race, run at a small's pace in the early stages, attracted only three runners and, with Dunquetral a casualty at the first, Caldbeck showed the way.

The owner-trainer. Barbara Ridley Lamb came in for jeers as he steered the 3 to 1 on chance, Oaldbeck, into the runner up position after being beaten a neck by the 20 to 1 Drumeen in the Marchburn Novices' Steeplechase. The race, run at a snail's pace in the early stages, attracted only three runners and, with Dunquetzal a casualty at the first. Caldbeck showed the way.

The owner-trainer. Barbara Oliver, poached the lead at the minth on Drumheen. Not until the 11th fence did the pace begin to quicken, with her mount still at the head of affairs. Lamb, content to ride a walting race began to rouse Caldbeck as the two runners swept into the straight for the last time. Caldbeck, malding a mistake two from home, and then putting in a sketchy jump at the last, found that the formarked.

nor the last time. Calinets, making a mistake two from home, and then putting in a skerchy jump at the last, found that the wimning post came just too soon.

Miss Oliver, who holds a degree

Taunton 3.13 (12.02) NICKMOLLER STEEPLE-CHASE (DIV 1: Novices: £590: 2m)

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ALSO RAN: 11-2 Streams (14-1) 3 6-1 Riss, 10-1 Common Cly (s). 20-1 Sesson, 20-1 Birdcage Walk. S 702. TOTE: Win, Glp: places, lip. 17p. Cl.34. Dual forecast, 30p. W. A. Stephenson, Bishop Auckland. Sh hd. 18th. Cool Trader did not run. 2.0 GRAISHOCK HURDLE (3-y-o:

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remarked.

Dornie, the course and distance winner, tried to lead all the way, but was overhauled, with two to jump, by Blue Maid, who stayed on to win by three lengths, and will do even better when her jumping improves.

1.45 (1.47) SICKHOLLER STEEPLE. CHASE (Div II: Novices: £582) 280)

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The change began in the latter half of the second set when Ronaldson had a short spell of mis-hitting and their rivals won four successive games to lead 5—4. Ronaldson recovered his

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Sterling's

rise upsets

for exports

By Melvyn Westrake Weak world demand and an

erosion of price competitive ness, partly caused by sterl-ing's strength, is causing Bri-tain's biggest exporters to take

more gloomy forecast of

their overseas trade prospects.

Exports are now expected to increase by volume more slowly in the first half of 1978, while no further decline is

foreseen in export price infla-tion beyond the end of 1977.

These are the main features of the Department of Trade's

lay. Replies to the survey, which

Kingdom exports.

The results of the ninth survey disclose the same clear

pattern of previous surveys in their downwards revision of earlier predictions. The volume

forecasts of the large exports for the second half of 1977 and

the first quarter of 1978 are sharply lower than those of

the previous survey.

prospects

BUSINESS NEWS



Watchdogs

on pay bite

hand that

feeds them

Anger mounts as orders for fitting out Polish ships go outside Britain

in Poland and other European countries.

Britain's marine equipment suppliers, desperately short of work like the shipperds, yesterday attacked the terms of the deal, particularly since some of the equipment being manufactured in Poland will utilize know-how agreements negotiated by British companies.

Mr Donald Maxwell, director of the British Marine Equipment Council, said last night:

"It is now emerging that rather more equipment is to be sup-

more equipment is to be sup-plied from Poland and from other countries than we were led to believe earlier.

equipment companies to par-scipate in this contract." According to the council, s range of equipment orders have already been placed or are about to be placed outside the United Kingdom. The value is estimated at £11m.

lifeboars and galley equipment are to be supplied from Poland, propellers—including a package of 10 for the seven large bulk carriers—are to be sup-plied from Poland using British know-how, winches and other deck machinery is to be manufactured in Norway, sewage treatment and incineration equipmet is to be supplied from Sweden and Norway respec-

understood to have been allo-cated to another Swedish Company.

Many of the council's members are pressing their MPs to question ministers on the allo-cation of orders. Mr Jack Graham, director of

Stone Manganese Marine, Birkenhead, which manufactures propellers, said that the poor market conditions had already led to about 150 workers being laid off.

The company, he explained, entered into a know-how agree-ment with a Polish company some time ago and one of the features of the agreement was that the Polish company was prohibited from selling propel-lers in Britain where the knowbeing built for Poland would be worth about £300,000, including the likely three spares.

"We are now being told that these propellers will be manufactured in Poland—along with the controllable pitch propellers for the smaller ships which we also have the canacity to make.

also have the capacity to make—and not surprisingly our workers are asking why we are not getting the work", he An order for deck cranes is . Mr William Ingles, sales

director of Brown Brothers, Edinburgh, said: "We always knew that a percentage of equip ment would be supplied from Poland but on the information that we have received it is hard to believe that it is less than the 10 per cent which has been mentioned."

Eritish sources say that some of the Scandinavian equipment will cost nearly twice as much so the same equipment manufacture of the same equipment manufacture. factured in Britain.

"If these ships were being

built in France or Norway there would be little prospect of foreign manufacturers obtaining a share ", one marine equipment company executive said.

A spokesman for British Ship-builders said that 90-92 per cent of the contract's content would be British.

These companies now expect the volume of their exports to be about 8 per cent higher in the July-December period of 1977 than a year earlier. This compares with a 13 per cent rise expected at the time of the eighth survey conducted last summer.

The rise in the volume of exports in the first quarter of 1978 is now put at 11½ per cent, compared with the 15 per cent foreseen weekleys.

The latest survey provides the first predictions about the second quarter of next year. These see the volume growth continuing at about 114 per cent. The figures all refer to the extent of the expansion in expansion in

takable slowdown, between the second half of 1977 and the first half of 1978. A rise in volume of only 2 or 3 per cent is now thought likely, compared with a probable rise of about 4 per cent between the two halves of the current year.

The Department of Trade records that a number of Issae

reports that a number of large exporters now take a more gloomy view about their pros-In addition, there are wor-Lies sport TORR OF price-competitiveness, partly desulting from the strength of sterling, as well as concern

Leading exporters now see a slower rise in export prices in the finel months of 1977 than they did before (compared they did before (compared with the level a year earlier), but this slowdown in the rate expected to continue into next

about supply problems.

year.
Taking volume and price movements together, the value of exports of the biggest exporters is, by the end of the forecast period, estimated to be about 20 per cent up on the level of a year sarlier.

Forced revaluation of mark could boomerang, Bonn bank chief says From Peter Norman Bonn, Dec 8

Dr Otmer Emminger, president of the West German Federal Bank, today gave a warning that the "forced re-valuation of the mark" on foreign exchange markets could act as a boomerang against those who had been urging Ger-many to do more to boost its

He cold a meeting of bankers in Bonn that the stimulation of the economy urged on Germany with such insistence by the United States and international organizations would be more difficult than before.

Exports next year would no live up to expectations and, therefore Germany would not be able to play the role envisaged in helping push the latest survey of short-term export prospects, conducted during October. The results of the survey, the ninth in the series, were published yester-Instead, lower exports and increased imports would depress profits and put a damper on industrial investment. covers the period from July 1977 to June 1978, were received from 64 large com-panies; accounting for a third of the total value of United

at home would be confined Jargely to rationalization, while expansion would be concenrated in lower cost countries

Dr Emminger stressed that in his view the mark was overvalued, in particular against the He said that in terms of price and cost relationships, the United States currency was already undervalued compared

with the Deutsche mark and other European currencies at the beginning of this year. "One doesn't need statistics to prove this. It is no coincidBank would have to take account of the new set of cir-

In this context, he indicated that the bank would review its interest rate policy. For some months the council of the bank has been divided as to whether to cut the discount rate from its current 3.5 per cent.

the European joint currency There was no urgent reason

to give way to the pressure developments on the foreign ex-

Maintenance of the snake in such uncertain times was of particular economic and political importance for West Germany and he knew that the other members of the joint float wanted to keep it alive. David Blake writes: There were

signs of a change of sentiment towards the dollar on the foreign exchange markets yes-terday; in light trading it advanced in several leading

financial centres.

At the same time the decision by miners' leaders to abide by the 12-month pay rule and permit pit incentive schemes to go ahead provided sterling with a fillip in the forward

The latest show of strength on the foreign exchange markets might be corrected to a certain extent, but Germany may have to live with an exchange rate apprecially above the level the previous control of the control o On forward positions up to three months sterling went to a premium against the dollar. The spot rate for the pound closed just 5 points higher on the day, at \$1.8270, having reached a peak during the session of \$1.8365. the level that prevailed until the middle of 1977, and for a The public sector, employers

Officials working from the Department of Employment headquarters in St James's Square, London, and paid out of Civil Service funds are being used to encourage breaches of the Government's 10 per cent Dr Emminger was relatively optimistic about the future of pay guidelines.
The secretariat of the Office of Wages Councils, which is

independent of the Department but housed and funded by it, has been preparing minimum wage orders for a number of trades and industries which oblige employers to raise mini-mum wages in their trades-often where the minimum wage is a widespread norm-by signi-ficantly more than 10 per cent. One circular, recently dis-patched throughout the country, would, if made into an order under the statunory provisions, oblige hairdressers to raise minimim wages by between 15 and 22 per cent. The Depart and 22 per cent. The Department of Employment is understood to have made "representations" to the Hairdressing Undertakings Wages Council indicating its unhappiness that the recommendation is in

excess of the guidelines.
Similar "representations"
have already been made to
wages councils covering a number of other trades such as buttons, licensed restaurants, retail bookselling and ostrich, foncy feather and artificial flower manufacturers. In each case the "representations" have been set aside by the coun-

Several ironies arise out of this situation. Not only is the Government paying for the secretariat which deals with the administration of wages council business, it also funds a group of wages inspectors whose job or wages inspective winimum wage legislation.
Further money is spent on publications designed to ensure

that workers who suspect that they might be underpaid know where to apply for a confiden-tial investigation

tial investigation
Wages councils are statutory
bodies, comprising employers,
workers' representatives and
independent members, whosa
job is to fix the statutory minimum remuneration and other
terms and conditions of employment in trades and industies where normal collective ployment in traces and incur-tries where normal collective bargaining procedures are restricted or non-existent— such as retail food and furnishing.

Under the rules governing

the councils they must, before making an order, insert a notice of their proposals in the notices to every employee within their scope. There is then a 14-day period in which anyone can make

It is this provision which the Department of Employment has taken advantage of to make once the order has been made it is legally enforceable. The Government appears to

have no way of stopping the increases. It has no power in law to prevent the making of a wages order and seems to have councils to obey its wishes.

Malcolm Brown

Industrial Correspondent Contracts for much of the marine equipment for the 24 ships in the £115m British deal with Poland are being placed in Poland and other European

"We feel it is imperative that the Government should clarify what prospects there are for United Kingdom marine

Gearbuss are to be built in Legal advice was being sought.

By Our Northern Industrial

the Type to resume normal

working and allow their pay grievances to be dealt with through established negotiating procedures was made by leaders

of 19 engineering and ship-building unions yesterday. The national executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions meet-

£10m more

on its way

to Chrysler

were made

1976, but we hope that the

but we shall not know until inter in the year."

Last month, Chrysler UK management, which has experienced difficulties in maintaining

target production at Linwood, Renfrewshire, advised the Government that operations would show losses in the region

of £20m, and much of the blame could be traced to industrial

Behind the scenes, ministers have given firm warnings to trade union leaders that there

problems at the plant.

executive representatives.

ment's warnings to union leaders has been to stress its determination to sick firmly to the letter of its rescue commitments.

commitments. The Chrysler Corporation of America has to

bear any losses over and above

the formula. All hopes of a modest target profit of £250,000 to £400,000 in 1977 have been

dashed, and the company is being hard-presed to contain

losses to its revised forecast of losses of £20m.

Last year, the taxpayer pro-

es, plus advances relating to

ided 240m in payments towards

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ECGD bond

By Metirica Corina

nament corporation.

Unions' plea to Swan Hunter workers ing in York unanimously sup-ported the call to the Typeside workers to abandon their work-that these claims can be dealt A direct appeal to Swan Hunter shipyard workers on

to-rule which has led to the yard losing its share of the £115m Polish ship orders. Mrs Marie Patterson, presi-We are making it clear that trades at Swan Hunter have the full backing of all of the unions represented here for the demands that they are making. "At the same time we are in

with by the trade unions

The Confederation has laundent of the confederation, said : ched a major drive to rational ize wage structures throughout the shipbuilding industry, moves which the unions believe will help to prevent any recur-rence of the kind of "perity" dispute that is now hitting the Typeside yard.

Engineering claim far exceeds guidelines

British's engineering ment in engineering since the introduction of phase one of employers are facing union the incomes strategy. A Covernment payment to claims on behalf of the industry's 1.5 million workers for. Chrysler UK of £10m now looks certain after recent progress reports by the management. hefty increase in pay and conditions. Their move represents under the first nationwide challenge monitoring arrangements set up in the state reccue plan agreed last year with the American to the Government's 10 per

private sector. parent corporation.

The company's losses may exceed £20m in 1977 and the Department of Industry is contractually bound to bear half of any deficit, up to a maximum of £10m.

In March, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry rold. The demands were endorsed yesterday by the national executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering

cent pay rise ceiling in the

Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of tary of State for Industry, told the Commons: "A substantial subvention has been paid for Engineering Workers, will lead the union negotiating team— workers' union or representing 19 different the claim would unions—in the first battle to per cept ceiling. agreement to share losses in 1977 and 1978 will not have to be put into effect—it may be,

minimum.

At present average earnings

to £70 a week for skilled men after consolidation of the £6 and 5 per cent increases that and 5 per cent increases that were secured at plant level during phases one and two. It also seeks a shorter working week, longer holiday and other fringe benefits.

for skilled workers are about £65 for a 40-hour week and £73 with overtime. Mrs Merie Paterson of the transport workers' union concedede that the claim would breach the 10

The cleim will seek to raise TRES throughout the industry from £33.50 to £55 a week for un-skilled workers and from £42

behind Mullard By Derek Harris Commercial Editor Consultations opened yester-day on a plan for increased orders from British television

TV makers rallying

orders from British television set manufacturers to safeguard Mullard, now Britain's sole producer of colour television tubes. It follows the shelving by Hitachi, the Japanese electronics group, of plans to set up television assembly in Northeest England.

The aid plan was originally put forward by the Radio Industry Council to the Department of Industry when RIC was joining in the chorus of opposition to the Hitachi proposals. Talks, expected to last some weeks, have now started among the major British makers on

components at the expense of imports, mainly of tubes, largely from Pacific basin and United States sources. For some makers it could mean a 50 per cent in-creased use of Mullard tubes. The RIC plan was claimed to guarantee Mullard a level of production which would allow it

to run profitably. This implies to run protitably. This implies an increase of around 400,000 tubes a year to British makers who would then be using Mullard tubes for 60 to 65 per cent of their requirements. Preparations are going ahead for Muliard to set up a new production line at its Simon-90 degree in line tubes which.

because they are cheaper overall, are still popular with British makers.

British makers.

Hitachi at its Tokyo headquarters is expected in the next
faw weeks to review its strategy
for securing a television manufacturing foothold in the EEC
market. While it has not completely closed the door to reapplying for permission to open
a factory in Britain, location
elsewhere in the EEC now
seems more likely if the company feels it must act quickly.
Given that the PAL licensing
agreement insists on an export agreement Insists on an export ceiling of 50 per cent of produc-tion, it is necessary to locate

and depressed profits next year.

and more German companies

countries have been setting up

or acquiring subsidiaries in the United States to serve the

American market and other markets at less expense", he

Dr Emminger said the Federal Bank would pursue a flexible intervention policy on exchange markers, but he held out little hope that the exchange rate of the Deutsche mark would return swiftly to what he would return swiftly to

what he would regard as a realistic level.

to be the next best choice for Hitachi. Thereis increasing tion in the British industry that Hitschi might consider a takeover to establish a foothold in Britzin, There has been speculation that Rank, sithough it has around 9 per cent of the

market, may want to pull out because few manufacturers are making profits. The other possibility is that Hitachi might pursue a carbon copy deal similar to that in the United States with General Electric in which, in a 50-50 joint venture, the two companies will appreciate and Danies will manufacture and

Clash over purchase by Landesbank From Our Own Correspondent

North Reine Westphalia, the West German state, is seeking greater control over the foreign activities of the Düsseldorf-based Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale after a row with the bank's board over the purchase of a property in Lon-

don.
The dispute has arisen because the state, one of the bank's guarantors, feels it was not sufficiently informed about ceiling of 50 per cent of production, it is necessary to locate where there is a large home market. This is why West Germany, although labour costs would be higher, would appear

bank's supervisory council last Friday, and the four represen-tatives of the state who were present abstaiged. The purchase was approved by the other council members without a vote against it.
Since then the state's anger

at the precedure has grown. The government in Düsseldorf apparently feels itself a primus inter pares among the bank's guaran-North Rhine Westphalla's

cabinet yesterday ordered the state finance minister to ensure that the foreign activities of the Westdeutsche Landesbenk ure kept under review so that the statet is aware of any risks

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Nuclear staff warning on AGR commitment modifications to the AGR tion, he said, as they were ded-design needed to meet current icated to the success of the safety requirements did not five station AGR programme give the confidence necessary but had reservations about

By Roger Vielvoye
Five hundred engineers
scientists and technicians at

can be no departure from the original aid arrangements and to the AGR system.

They have told Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of
State for Energy, and the
Cabiner's energy committee,
that they support the Central
Electricity Generating Board's
recommendation for the parallel development of both the
AGR and the Americandesigned pressurized water
reactors (PWRs). o the AGR system. this must be understood by the Representatives of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Transport and General Workers Union have been working with the Chrysler nanagement to sort out Lipwood's problems, with a working party drawing on top The purpose of the Govern-

designed pressurized water reactors (PWRs). The resolution on nuclear reactor choice from the joint staff committee at the Nuclear

tered during the

Power Company and the GEC engineers Reactor Equipment operations nicians at at Whetstone was sent to Mr the Whetstone nuclear complex, many of whom are working on the five advanced gas
cooled reactors (AGRs) now
under construction, have given
a warning to the Government made public because they had
of the dangers of making a
further exclusive commitment a total lack of balance in the comments reported in the press on the alternative thermal reactors."

The resolution to the Cabi-

net's energy committee states that a commitment to the AGR alone would put the power industry at an unjustifiable risk in the event of it getting into difficulties in the next few

It make this commitment.

It was essential that there should be a commitment to construction of at least one cost 15 per cent more than the PWR to ensure that this sys
PWR which would amount to the properties of the properties should be a commitment to The AGR was also likely to construction of at least one cost 15 per cent more than the PWR to ensure that this system which would amount to tem remained a real option in £75m on a 1200 megawati the future.

According to the staff the PWR was the only proven system advanced technology there was tem available. It was also the an immense benefit to be cheapest; was the only system gained by being in the main with export potential and stream of international power

with export potential and doubts over its safety had been removed by the Nuclear Inspectorate report.

In a covering letter to Mr Benn, Mr McLachlan said the Whetstone staff were "almost universal" in advising that there should not be a singular volvement while the PWR was an international power plant business, both from technical support in the widest sense, and in involvement in the international power plant business, both from technical support in the widest sense, and in involvement in the international power plant business, both from technical support in the widest sense, and in involvement in the international manufacture and construction work. Timited operating experience on the AGR and the many important

commitment to AGR.

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Gilt-edged securities held close to
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Gold gained \$0.75 an ounce to \$161.375. SDR-\$ was 1.19453 on Thursday, while SDR-E was 0.654322. Commodities: Renter's index was at 1440.5 (previous 1500.7).

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£1,200m. In the first 10 months Business appointments 25 of this year 51 guarantees worth E950m were issued, compared with 29 in 1976. Contracts worth £3,000m are under con-Appointments vacant 20, 28, 29 Wall Street 26 Bank Base Rates Table 26

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Evans of Leeds International Timber

Braham Millar Globe Investment Trust

minimum price for bauxite By Edward Townsend A minimum price policy for bauxite, the ore from which aluminium is smelted, was agreed at a meeting in Jamaica yesterday by the 11-nation International Bauxite Associa-

internationally

Producers set

The agreement comes after four years of deliberations and sets a minimum price for base grade bauxite in the north American market, "for refer-ence purposes", of \$24 a tonne. For other world markets, producers are urged to seek appro-priate relative prices. A significant increase world bauxite prices is unlikely to result but the move sets a precedent from which an IBA official said "there is no way

The IBA said the bauxite price in north America should normally be 2.5 to 3 per cent of the list price of primary aluminium. However, the new \$24 minimum equals 2.1 per cent of the current American damestic metal price of 53 domestic metal price of cents a pound.

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'Hundreds of thousands' of jobs lost because of record volume of goods from abroad

American unions intensify pressure for import controls

From Frank Vogi Los Angeles, Dec 8 America's trade union movement is intensifying its campaign for more pro-tectionist trade policies, arguing that hundreds of thousands of jobs are being last because the Carter Administration continues to permit the inflow of record volumes of imports.

Demand for greater potectionism ranks alongside the continuing call for more expansionist policies to promote employment as the top priorities for nuncreds of trade union leaders assembling here for the twelfth bi-annual conference of the AFL-CIO—the Ameri-

In the introduction to the executive council's 410-page report to the conference, Mr George Meany, the AFL-CIO president, declared that the govern-

ment was permitting unrelenting for-eign imports—often dumped on the American market at lower prices than those charged in the country of origin-coupled with policies that encourage American companies to move abroad. Mr Meany added that just as the United States cannot afford to be de-

pendent on foreign energy supply, so it cannot afford to be dependent on Numerous trade union leaders, representing a wide assortment of industries, complain that the Administration's anti-protettionist stance is the major obsacle to achieving higher domestic

employment. They say that the orderly marketing agreements to protect the domestic shoe and colour television industries were

Mr Lloyd McBride, president of the steel workers' union, has said that the Government's new plan to help the steel industry and shield it from foreign competition is inadequate. He said his union " will continue to press for quotasetting orderly marketing agreements, and if voluntary relief cannot be ob-tained, we will demand Congressional action establishing legislated quotas". Mr Lane Kirkland, secretary general of the AFI-CIO, told a meeting of ship-ping industry union leaders that the fight would continue to get legislation that insures that American shipping carries a greater portion of American

mports.

Mr Kirland said that "the runaway ship, cutthroat foreign competition, the dumping of maritime services and the detatruction of sailors' jobs have their

industry after industry in steel, apparel, textiles, shoes, rubber, electronics, even prefabricated light and

heavy construction components."

Unions are demanding the replacement of Dr Arthur Burns as head of the Federal Reserve Board, arguing that his tight money policies are adding to unemployment. They are also de manding more public works programmes, and are clearly disenchanted with Mr Carter's failure so far to

achieve fuller employment.

Moreover, some leaders point out that their unions are determined to use all their substantial muscle in the 1978 congressiona lelections to support candidates who support trade protectionism

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The contentious role of Acas in trade union recognition

Sir, May I add a few more insights to Eric Wigham's Blarred vision on union recognition " (December 6). Acas is at the centre of a clash of repectations about its role,
Some of the white collar

mions affiliated to the Trades Union Congress expected the law to achieve for them, through Acas, recognition from employers which they had failed to achieve for themselves with-our Acas. So nearly 1,000 references of recognition issues have tumbled into Acas since February 2. 1976 when they opened for that sort of business. Ninety two of those references have been reported and 343 have been withdrawn. A reference is withdrawn if the employer and the union settle

ou recognition or when the union faces the reality that it cannot be recognized without membership. Acas is not publishing statistics on reasons for withdrawal of references. Many workers have expec-

tations born in a democratic society. When Acas ascertains their opinious about which union, if any, shall represent

them to the employers, they and which, as a matter of fact expect those opinions to be is biased in favour of the Trade decisive. However, Acas has cut across those expectations by, in some cases, granting minorities full negotiating rights and, in others, refusing the same to majorities. The reason given by Acas for its inconsistency is that the opinions of the workers are not decisive but merely part of the relevant

Unions which are not affiliated to the Trades Union Congress do not expect fair treat-ment from Acas. They do e-pect, and have received, fair treatment from the courts. They can expect to end up in the High Court or the House of Lords whenever they tangle with Acas on a recognition issue. Such in appeal is a necessary

safeguard in any circumstances. Small employers have expec-tations about how they will manage their companies and the effect the recognition of trade unions will have on their economic success. They read the list of members of the council of Acas which will decide to recommend or not to recommend the recognizion of a trade union

is biased in favour of the Trades Union Congress: then they look at British Levland; then they dig in. There is too much much in that caricature of the expectations of small employers. The existing law on trade

union recognition can carry impartial administration and wise judgment. This was made very clear by Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson when he found in favour of the Legal and General Staff Association and avains: Acas. The council of Acas has enough discretion to act impartially without foreing aggricred unions or employers into the courts for justice.

Sadly, and sometimes with very serious consequences, noted expects Acas to be impartial or wise when it is dealing with trade union recognition Yours faithfully PAUL NICOLSON

General Secretary. Confederation Employee Organisations. 3º High Street
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St Albans. Hertfordshire ALA 8DG.

Contracted-out pension 'burden' this purpose will fall over the years and so the reduction in contributions to the state

From Mr M. J. Brown
Sir, I think you may have worried some of your readers innecessarily when you said (December 2) that the long-term costs of the new state pension scheme look likely to be a much bigger burden on

Confederation of Employer

then anyone had foreseen

The reduction in National The reduction in National Insurance contributions for those who are contracted out will be initially 7 per cent, on the appropriate band of earnings, to be shared between employee and employer. This reflects the cost of providing a certain amount of pension from the commacted out company scheme rather than the state scheme, and there is general agreement among technicians

tract out should be reassured that no new and adverse factor has emerged at this late stage. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BROWN,

Director, Company Pensions Information

contract out or those who are

now debating whether to con-

EEC imports of textiles from Hongkong scheme for those contracted-out will also fall. But this has been From Mr Anthony Holland

spelt out all along, and was made clear by the Government Actuary in his initial report on the new scheme in February, 1975. Sir, I have read with interest the chairman of the Wool Textile Delegation's letter of December 5 regarding imports from Hongkong and I beg to suggest he is staning his arrows It is important, therefore, that those who have decided to at the wrong target.

Hongkong is a free and has always presented won-derful opportunities for selling British cloth and ranks among the woollen industries better

Two far better targets would be a total ban on textile imports from both Teiwan and South from both Tarwan and South Korea until such time as they are prepared to import EEC-produced textiles for which, from personal experience, I know there would be very sub-stantial demand. Both have very satisfactory trading balances with the EEC and the reasons for the bans are entirely profor the bans are entirely pro-

Let us be fair to those who ANTHONY HOLLAND, -

7-8 Warwick Street,

Plea to relax Datsun registrations poised for 1978 surge

By Edward Townsend

Datsun UK, which has imposed a ban on further registrations of its cars for the remainder of the year, hinted vesterday that its dealers would be given a much freer rein in

A spokesman for the company, whose share of the mar-ket in the first 11 months is than for the same period of 1976, said it would be difficult for dealers to operate next year under the sort of restrictions in force during 1977.

In addition to this month's ban. Datsun has rationed its dealers in previous months to try to keep its market share at about the same level as last year and stave off the growing pressure for import controls on Japanese cars.
Dealers have continued to

sell cars this month, but only for delivery after the new year. The spokesman said there was a healthy demand for vehicles to be delivered after December 31. Stocks at dealers are said to be "very substantial".

but Datsun is being cautious about predicting a high sales level for January. Japanese penetration of the market in the 11 months was 10.8 per cent, according to figures released today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, compared with 9.5 per cent to the end of

November last year.

The "understanding" between the British and Japanese industries is that Japanese penetration would not rise signifi-cantly this year. United Kingdom industry sources feel that this year's rise of 1.3 percentage points, representing sales of points, representing sales of 20,000 more cars, is in breach

of the arrangement. The Datsun ban, however, will reduce its 1977 market share from the 11-month figure and consequently the total Japanese share. Its November share was share. Its November share was 5.2 per cept, against 4.3 per cent a year earlier.

Datsun said because of the

ban it was losing significant numbers of sales to other Japanese importers, particularly Mazda and Toyota, and to Euro-pean manufactures like Renault

EEC raw material warning

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT SESSION 1977-78

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By Desmond Quigley

Urgent action by governments and the European Community s needed to stimulate mining houses to embark on invest-ments in less developed countries in order to ensure a suf-ficient supply of raw materials to European industry, Mr Beville Pain, retiring president of the Mining Association and an executive director of Char-ter Consolidated, said yester-

Investment of some \$24,000m files to some \$24,000m (\$13,333m) over the next decade, or \$2,400m a year, was required to maintain supplies of the chief non-ferrous metals to Europe. By contrast the total expenditure of mining com-panies during the last decade and the early part of the to the mining project

governments, Mr Pain also called finance to be made available at market rates linked directly

their investment programmes in less developed countries be-cause of lack of confidence on

expropriation.

To_overcome these problems, the European mining industry, he said, had proposed that investments should be brought within the framework of treaty agreements governing relations between the EEC, member states and the bost ber states and the

the ground that mining opera-tions were "especially vulner-able to risks of creeping

audits for small firms

Mr Ian Hay Davison, a leading accountant and member of the profession's Auditing Practices Committee, yesterday called for a change in company law to end the requirement for a full audit for small companies. The Department of Trade has already said it is considering

altering the requirements for information Mr Davison, senior partner of international accountancy firm, Arthur Andersen, believes a logical development would be to remove the current requirement for small company audits.
In their place would be an annual review signed by a qualified accountant.

A proposal that external audits of unlisted companies should be voluntary has recently been adopted by the Accounting Standards Commit-

But there is much disagree But there is much disagreement within the profession.

In a speech to the Huddersfield Society of Chartered Accountants last night, Mr Davison said there were four problems to be faced with small company audits: the unnecessary expense and irritation to a client in carrying them out; the fact that tighter standards are fact that tighter standards are held up because they are either mend up decause they are either impractical or not needed for small companies; the frequent lack of independence of the auditor who has prepared the accounts himself, and the need to qualify, for lack of internal control, when there is nothing wrong.

Dimplex jobs saved

Glen Electric group, which has taken over Dimplex Industries, from the receivers, plans to reopen the Southampton plant of the heating appliance makers on January 2. The move will rescue 150 jobs.

Community sees steel capacity below 60 pc

Brussels, Dec 8

In its latest quarterly esti-mate of the outlook for the EEC steel industry, the Euro-pean Commission forecasts proluction of 30 million tonnes in the first quarter of next year. This compares with 32.5 mil-lion tonnes in the first quarter of this year, and significantly below this year's average.

The forecast, which is intended as a guide for steel enterprises to help them tailor output to likely demand, was drawn up some weeks ago, and is even now considered by Commission officials to be too generous.

The rate of capacity utiliza-

The rate of capacity unita-tion in nearly all EEC countries is expected to be well below 60 per cent by the end of the year. It is expected to decline still further in the early part of 1978, leading to temporary closure of steel plants and a rise in short-time working.

Community has declined sharply since the beginning of the year, and is forecast to drop to 28 million tonnes in the first quarter of next year, slightly below the last quarter of 1977.

New orders for steel in the Community's procless.

Community's market are running at 15 per cent below the 1976 level. Exports have recovered notably in volume terms during the year, and are almost back to their 1974 level, but export prices are 40 to 50 per cent lower then in

In general, most plants are submated to have observed the estimated to have observed the guideline prices for steel recommended earlier this year by the Commission, although the prices of some products have remained below these levels. By contrast import prices are well below the guideline levels, the gap ranging between £35 and £45 on the German market.

Dearer pound restrained summer inflow of tourists

A him that growth in foreign tourist arrivals may be slackening is reflected in the latest results produced by the Department of Trade and the British

Tourist Authority yesterday.

The figures show that while there was a rise of 23 per cent in overseas visitors in July compared with the same month last year, by August the growth rate, although still high, had dropped to 14 per cent.

Contributing factors included a strengthening of the sterling

a strengthening of the sterling exchange rate and the strike of the assistant air traffic control-lers, the effects of which con-tinued through to early Novem-

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

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Pregualification of Contractors

and Consortia of Contractors

for Construction of the Yacyreta Hydroelectric Project

Central London stores, which

absorb a large proportion of the £800m tourists are estimated to spend on shopping, report a noticeable reduction on takings

The biggest growth earlier this year was in short-stay visitors from EEC countries like Belgium, Holland and Denmark, At 927,000, total activals from EEC countries during the month were 24 per cent higher than the equivalent figure for July 1976.

Although still 13 per cent up on the same month last year. EEC visitors in August, however, totalled only 669,000. A similar pattern was repeated for

Scots banks put case for City's role

By Our Financial Staff Increased control of the clear-ing banks or a further extension of public ownership are dis-missed as irrelevant by the Scottish clearing banks in the second stage of their evidence to the Wilson Committee on the

functioning of financial institutions.

There is, however, a welcome
for the controls on the banking
system introduced in recent
years, such as legislation on
deposit taking institutions. And
the Scottish clearers feel that
the Government can already
exercise all the control it needs
through the Bank of England.

This second stage of the
banks' evidence soes beyond
their original examination of
the arrangements for channelling funds to industry published
earlier this year and includes
details on overseas operations.

laid at the door of the financial institutions, according to the Scottish clearers.

What they do find, though, is that because of the size of other financial intermediaries, like the building societies, insurance compenies and pension funds, the relative size of the banking sector is rather smaller in the United Kingdom than overseas.

Despite this increased competition for personal savings, peticion for personal savings, the Soutish clearers argue that there is no evidence that they have let down industry

agreement among technicians that the reduction is a fair one. However, the average rate of pension accrual required for

Insider dealing in shares

From Sir Antony Bornby

Sir, It would seem that if the new proposals about share dealing become law in their present be condemned to uninspired uniformity.

Your truly, ANTONY HORNBY, Claridges, London, W1. Brook Street.

F prison. Brook Street Only the buyer of Premium December 1.

are fair to us. Yours faithfully, Chairman, The Lincroft Kilgour Group

Minmail

Interim Statement

At a Board Meeting held roday, 5th December. 1977, the Directors declared an interim dividend for the year ending 26th March 1978 of 2.772p per unit to holders of the "A" Ordinary Stock which, with the imputed tax credit, amounts to Dividend warrants will be posted on 20th March 1978 and transfers lodged with the Company's Registrars, Kleinwort Benson Limited, The Lawn, Speen, Newbury, Berkshire, before 3 p.m. on 16th February 1978 will cank for dividend.

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Unsudited results for the first 26 weeks of the current financial year aret—	1977 First 26 weeks to 25-9-77	1976 First 26 weeks to 26.9.76	Full-Your to 27.3.77
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Turnover	43,103	42,269	89,313
Profit before Taxarion	5,013	5,169	11,161
Taxation	2,607	2,688	4/753
Profit after Taxation	2,406	2,481	6,408
Minority Interests	39	18	2
Extraordinary Item	· —	-	345
Attributable to Members of the			
Holding Company	3,367	2,463	6,065
Amount absorbed by dividends	I,449	952	2,268
Amount of dividend per "A" Stock Unit	2.772p	2.275P	5.4227
(gross equivalent)	4.20	3-5P	8.268
Harnings per "A" Stock Unit			
(after taxation)	5.66p	5.890	15.32p

The cost of the interim dividend is based on the share capital as increased by the recent Rights Issue, whereas the figure of earnings per "A" unit is based on the number of units in issue during the 26 week period to 25th September 1977.

As amicipated in the Rights Issue Circular, owing to exceptional television programme costs, the profit for the 26 week period is marginally below the profit for the comparable period of the approximation.

The Directors have re-affirmed the statements made in the Circular that, in their opinion, the profit before taxation for the year to 26th March 1978 will not be less than £13,000,000 and that they expect to recommend total net dividends for the financial year of 6.5450 per "A" unit, the gross equivalent of which is 9.9227p representing an increase of 20% on the gross equivalent for the previous year.

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European Banking Company Limited

Wish to inform you that their new address for all departments from 12th December 1977 is:

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Ingenuity from Chieftain

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Crystal-gazing at J Lyons

forcibly the kind of uphill taskif faces to trade its way out of the balance street straitjacket. Making such tiny profits on its level of turnover, so the argument runs, dieaus. that it take only a small improvement in margins to transform trading profits.

But contrary to group hopes in June the trading improvement still looks to be some way in the future. Adding back last year's exceptional item from running in the Carlton bakery, pre-tax profits are up from £6.34m too mly £6.58m although asset disposals in the year (Wimpy, the hotels side) have lopped some £2.2m (ground £1m at the pre-tax level) off trading profits which are up from £15.97m to £16.15m in the first half.

As it is, the poor summer cut some £1-14m from the ice cream and soft drinks side of the United Kingdom, while in the United States with Baskins-Robbins standing still the strengthening of sterling has cut dollar

So far as the second-half goes, reading between the lines of the interim statement indicates that the group is taking a distinctly jaded view of the outlook with pressure on consumer spending and plummeting tea prices the chief aggravating factors. The plus point comes in lower interest charges of perhaps £4m, but at this stage

the most that can be said is that earlier hopes of a £20m pre-tax profit for the year will have to be scaled back by a fifth to leave the shares at 105p selling on around seven times this year's earnings. Although the group appears not to be too sanguine about the dividends this year a maintained dividend provides the comfort of a 11.1 per

cent yield.
Asset disposals and the strengthening of sterling has taken much of the pressure off the balance sheet and a "worthwhile" reduction in debt suggests something like £215-£220m by the year end but it is still a long way from getting gearing down to 50 per cent of shareholders' funds which is Lyons' aim in the medium-term,

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Switching emphasis

Great Universal Stores' growth has been squarely based for the last three years on overseas earnings and results from its financial division. Now, with lower interest rates and firmer sterling turning against these operations, the pendulum has swung, and GUS is relying more on its British retailing

performance. Interim profits growth of 15 per cent to \$53m on a 12.5 per cent sales increase to 566m, partly reflects improved efficiency he mail order businesses and some flowthrough of deferred HP profits.

Outlets which benefit from tourism, including Burberry and the Scotch House, have also moved along strongly while Cavendish Woodhouse has made good progress in popular furniture.

Full-year profits of around £130m against 112m last time would produce a p/s ratio of 121 while the yield will be a mere 3.5 per cent prospectively with the shares at

Next year GUS may suffer in comparison. with more United Kingdom-oriented groups as the consumer spending upturn gets under way, partly because so much of the creditbased retail profit will be siphoned into deferred profits. As such, the shares, which have enjoyed a good run up in front of these latest figures, may now enter a more pedestrian phase.

Investment trusts-

Ingenuity from Chieftain

The investment rust machinery faces its first predatory unitization. Shareholders in Second Broadmount, an independent £4m trust, are being asked to swop their shares for units in a new fund set up by Chieftain, one of the newer and hungrier unit trust management companies. Chieftain is nearly falling over itself in delight at its own cleverness. However, its rather cheeky approach, which has drawn no comment from the Second Broadmount board, does appear to have disposed of the thornier fiscal probless associated with so many schemes for eliminating the discount.

The immediate gain to shareholders would

First-half profits from J. Lyons demonstrate. ... consist of raising the market value from a pre-bid 30p per share to around 37 p worth of units reflecting the present asset value of the underlying portfolio. The individual will face no capital gains tax liability on swopping his shares for units, as he does in the

case of a liquidation or cash effer. Chieftain's proposals also circumnavigate the fiscal pitfalls on the corporate side. Straight liquidation involves a trust paying capital gains on its portfolio. A merger into an existing unit trust involves equalizing the contingent, capital gains between the original unitholders and the new investors. Chieftain proposes to reconstitute Second Broadmount as a new fund, which avoids the

A new management group such as Chieftain, which is still expanding its range of funds, can afford to adopt this approach. The board is unlikely to welcome is as its personal holdings of around 10 per cent are concerned, but the directors who control over a third of the stock non-bene-ficially may have to adopt a more objective line in their role as trustees of this large

The obvious problem, assuming Chieftain gets the extraordinary general meeting it seeks plus enough votes for voluntary liqui-dation, is the likely level of redemptions in the new trust. Second Broadmount's portfolio, while spread thinly over a large num-ber of stocks, is very marketable. Unless the new managers find themselves caught in a market collapse, shareholders should be able to get out at the calculated bid price of just over 36p.

Takeovers Progress on price sensitive information

The acid test of any regulatory system is whether it works. Six months after the Take-over Panel and The Stock Exchange together drafted new guidelines, designed to prevent drated new guidelines, designed to prevent share prices moving before important announcements such as takeover bids, the Panel is tentatively suggesting that the system is working quite well.

Whether, under the new guidelines, leakage of price-sensitive developments has actually fallen is unfortunately impossible to tell. There are no previous statistics to

to tell. There are no previous statistics to compare with. But it is clear that companies have been seeking temporary suspensions more often, and the Panel's figures show that in only 17 cases out of 133 did companies make preliminary announcements about bid talks after the share price had



Mr. David Macdonald, director general of the

The Panel thinks this is "encouraging' but it is clearly one of those statistics which can be taken either way. Is there much room for satisfaction in the fact that 13 per cent of all bids in the past six months should have been accompanied by evidence circumstantial or otherwise, that price-sensitive information had leaked?

The essence of the new guidelines (much of which was, in fact, reiteration of existing rules) was that companies should themselves be responsible for blocking leakages, and should make announcements as soon as the numbers involved in bid talks grew too large. By the same token it was appreciated that premature announcements could frighten off would-be bidders, but there is no convincing evidence that this has been

In 31 cases, one in four of all bids, announcements were made before any movement in share prices, but of these only six waters, me production of micro lution in the home, transform were called off subsequently, representing processors (which can carry the less than 5 per cent of total bids announced. power of a small computer on a the corner into an interactive.

Portugal: how far should austerity go?

Economic crisis played a large part in bringing down the Portoguese, government and Portoguese government and that fall is likely to bring about a new period of uncertainty which will make it harder for the country to solve its economic problems.

of political issues behind the decision of the right wing and Communist parties to bring down the government of the Socielists led by Dr Mario Sources, at the heart of the immediate crisis is the debate allow the degree of matering that the country should socopt and what it should do in its

and what it should do in its talks with the International Minestery Frond.

It has been growing clear for some time that Portugal would probably be the first test case for the IMF's attitude to imposing conditions in talks with would be borrowers. Although the amount of noney the Fund has been offering Portugal is derisory compared with its problems (\$50m the fund that are assumed crucial importance For behind the fund stands a club of 13 potential creditor

For behind the fund stands a club, of 13 potential creditor countries who between them have agreed, sometimes under heavy American pressure, to lend the Portuguese \$750m if Portugal can agree terms with the IMF on a second drawing of resources from the fund. Thur money is essential to Phrugal; the country's reserves have been surpped to the gold component over recent years, ing them dangerously exposed at the sourt want because of the relative illiquidity of the assets which they possess. For eign debts are about \$3,500m, with little prospect of borrowing more) from commercial banks unless the country gets a seal of approval from the international authorities and from the club of countries which have agreed in principle

to lend money.

The country has thus become in practice a test bed for many of the ideas which have been of lending to deficit countries. Under the rather steen eye of the fund's staff, it was also become a testing ground for the notion that countries in delicit. can and must adopt a tough programme of "adjustment" to reduce their deficies in return

for receiving sid.

The need for stability is obvious, but so are the prob-lems which stand in the way of any government which tries to

David Blake discusses the economic background to yesterday's defeat of Dr Soares' government

The case for stabilization is The case for stabilization is easily made. Inflation is running at about 30 per cent and shows no sign of easing during 1978 unless something is done about it. Although 1977 was meant to be the year in which bhard work and austerity would start publing the economy round, in practice the austerity has not been applied and the calls by the government to increase productivity ment to increase productivity

The result has been that the economy as a whole has gone on expanding quite rapidly, but on expanding quite rapidly, but with a rise in consumption continuing to provide the main driving force. Government spending this year is up by a quarter, while the revenue which it raises has gone by out 10 per cent. broadly expensionary

4 per cent in 1976 and a 3 per cent fall in 1975. But little of that growth has taken the form of investment, though there has been some recovery in recent months from the very low levels touched in 1975.

The private companies, in industries such as textiles, are industries such as textiles, are undercapitalized and unsure of their role. In the present world recession, with low cost producers from developing countries desperate to sell on world markets, the sharp increase in wage costs which coincided with the move to democracy in 1974 has put them at a desperate disadvantage. at a desperate disadvantage.

Even more disturbing, there

has been little in the way of an upturn in investment in the sectors on which the country relies to provide its exports, because these are still overwhelmingly in private hands. Although the Portuguese government owns just over half of all industry and at present accounts for 70 per cent of new investment) something like 90 per cent of exports come from the private sector.

The position of agriculture is little better, with a bugo is little better, with a huge workforce (accounting for about 30 per cent of the employed population) failing to produce enough to meet even half the country's food needs. Part of the shortfall is caused by climate, which means that most grain has to be brought abroad; part is caused by general inefficiency, as most strikingly in the fishing industry; and part by the specific had luck of a bad harvest this year. vest this year. The country's response to

these shortages, and mother shortages as well, has been to impore more from outside shortages as well, has been to import more from outside rather than to cut back, and it is this which has attracted the particular censure of the IMF and of some of the countries who will be asked to contribute to the loan. In the talks between Portugal and her potential creditors the fund seems to have taken a tough devaluation of the escudo. a much dighter monetary policy



Planting seedlings on a forestry and pulp mill project at Leirosa. Portugal. The country's living standards are still well below the average for the rest of Western Europe.

with higher interest rates and a cutback in growth. a cutback in growth.

Opposition to the fund's terms has been widespread within the country, for a large number of reasons. Devaluation, which has long been a preferred strategy of the fund in dealing with payments deficits, will increase the country's very large import bill, worsening the payments position until con-

payments position until consumption starts to drop.

It will also give a new and
intense twist to inflation.

The restrictions on credit
will lead to a large number of
bankruptcies in the private
sector, throwing even more
people out of work to join the
16 per cent of the population
who are already unemployed.

ing spree in 1974 and 1975, it has still been forced to accept a standard of life for below that

Portugal's real problem is that during the years of Salazar rule it missed out on the modernization and industrialization which occurred everywhere else in Euope, including Spain, where the political system was in more ways similar.

in many ways similar.

It is now trying to modernize, with some spectacular (and possibly wasteful) large projects designed to give it a sound industrial base at a time when the world is a very difficult environment for countries even to hold on to what they already have let alone improve already have, let alone improve on their position.

Adding the strain of making the very rapid adjustment im-plied by the IMF's demands has now proved too much for the country's first democratically elected government. We shall see very soon whether it is also too much of a strain for

A microprocessor about the house

New concepts of entertainment and information in the home are likely to appear over the next five years. They arise from developments in micro-electronon the television set and the telephone.

are already known. The broad-casting organizations' Teletext services providing "magazines" of acreened pages of information have moved on from expenimental to routine use, The Post Office's Viewdata scheme, which will enable users to dial a wide range of directory services for display on the television ecreen, starts a public trial next year.

Each of these depends on an outside source for the information displayed—Teletext news pages compiled in the broadcasting studies or Viewdata files supplied by the organizations that provide information and held in a Post Office com-Ditter centre.

By contrast, many of the new systems will be self-contained in the home. The popular video games box, through which "tennis" and "football" and so on can be played on the television screen, is an early example of the shape of things to come.

As with the packet calcula-

As with the pocket calcula-tors and the digital watches of the past five years, the new home devices of the next five will depend on micro-circuits and in particular on the micro-processor (whose applications in data processing were described in this column on October 14). As with the calculators and watches, the prospect is of high-volume production of microfingernail) and a consequent fall in prices.

fall in prices.

Dr Stephen Forte, managing director of General Instrument Microelectronics, Glenrothes, forecast in London yesterday:

"The microprocessor will enter the home disguised as a coolertimer, a washing machine control, a television games system, a central heating controller or a Teletext/Viewdata decoder."

He was speaking at a conference organized by the magazine organized by the magazine Blectronics Weekly on the im-

As Viewdata developments begin to transform the tele-phone handset into a radimentary computer terminal, the modulator modulator demodulator (modem) unit, which is needed to connect digital devices to the telephone network, can shrink to the size of a single microcircuit. This could also make possible the remote, automatic possible the remote.

matic reading of electricity and gas meters via the telephone.

Among the new possibilities in the living room Dr Forte mentioned the recently imroduced electric piano, a simple version of which, selling for less than £100, can be plugged into an existing hi-fi system. Unlike existing types of electronic organ, the circuit for the electronic piano can provide a sense of rouch and simulates the sound of a human section. instrument.

But the biggest impact of digital technology in the living room has to do with the television set. Dr Forte says that this "will cause a social revolution in the home, transforming the property of the says that the says the says that the says the says that the says that the says the says that the says the say

Kenneth Owen Technology

Correspondent

terminal for use by all the family ".

Already microelectronics has made possible remote control (initially ultresonic, more re-cently moving to infra-red fre-quencies) of television sets, including advanced tuning fea-tures. There is no reason why the virtues of this pre-set digi-tal tuning and remote control should not be applied to audio

ng, senging and control systems in only one or two integrated-circuit peckages. Now the aim is to link these further with the television set—" a sophisti-cated and highly refined pieco of electronics which at present is grossly under-utilized.

The first volume-selling video game, like the single-chip calculator before it, created a new industry almost overnight. Sales of the microcircuits for this of the microcircuits ror the addition of numeric management, developed by Dr Forte's company at Glenrothes, have extended and other programme devices could lead to calculate the complete ceeded 10 million units since the device was introduced only IWD YESTS REC

More edvanced games have since been introduced. They include battle games and ball games in which fuller and more should not be applied to audio subtle control can be exercised.

These all use circuits which are industry is now able to incor of sames. But, for the future, porate a wide range of measur-

programmable nature of the microprocessor. To accommodate the

grammes and exploit the full possibilities, a new method of storage combining high capacity with low cost is needed. Dr Forte believes that this will come via the standard tape cassette, a development which is being pursued jointly by General Instrument Microelec-

played on the television screen. All the elements of a complete, interactive computer terminal are possible.

What is emerging, and the emergence may be very rapid, is a range of plug-in optional extras for the home television

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Business Diary: Wiggin changes direction • Victory rolls

Ray Wiggin, the British motor industry's longest serving managing director and one of the most experienced, has resigned from the top job at Reliant Motors, the Tamworth car company recently taken over by J. F. Nash Securities.

Wiggin appears not to have been totally in agreement with the policies of the new owner although he has spent the last two years building up a new young management team to take the event of his department. over in the event of his depart-

He told Business Diary resterday that he had received an offer from a small group of companies "a couple of years ago. At that time Reliant was making a loss, the Scimitar was being launched and the threewheeler market was in the dol-drums. "It would have looked as if I was deserting."

Wiggin is now interested in a tob which will also give him a areater equity stake than his 6 per cent in Reliant. "I do like to get very committed and dedi-cated to the business in which I am involved," he said. When he joined Reliant in 1959, Wiggin, now 49, was assist-

250. Today Reliant employs 1,600, has a turnover of £20m and is known as the company which provides cars for Princess

The tribute, for that indeed is what it is—cases of kitchen towels and face tissues will also be presented—is, according to the company, in recognition of the "spirited campaign by Bill Keys which was largely instru-mental in the government grant to the British paper industry for the construction of raw material treatment plants to reduce dependence on im-

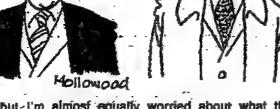
The Bridgend mill is one of the largest in Britain with almost 1,000 workers. The company, which is part of British Tissues, describes its relations with the print union as "good, though never placed and sometimes healthily turbulent "...

■ Dudley Zoo, threatened with closure by rising costs and inadequate attendances, looks in-creasingly likely to survive. An appeal for £75,000 to keep animals and staff in food and wages through the winter has already raised £25,000 and a buyer has been found.

The present owner, Scotia Inrestments, which is the subject of a Department of Trade inquiry, was to close the zoo this week. A "leisure centre" was planned for the site. It seemed that the efforts to

ant managing director of a company with a turnover of 650,000 and a labour force of keep the 200 open by sup-porters such as Eddie Marskand, chairman of foundry group Midland Industries and a former chairman of the zoo, were doomed. Marsland and assocsecretary of the print union shares in the 200, were not suc-Sogat, and Albert Powell, the cessful in buving it for the union's president union's president, pay a good-will visit to Bridgend Paper Mills today, they will be pre-ented with, of all things, to buy Dudley and run it with tollet rolls by women workers help from local business people. Now the Bristol and Clifton Zoological Society, which owns Bristol's 200, has come forward





"Yes, but I'm almost equally worried about what the Americans are going to do with their North Sea oil revenues.

tributed £5,000 towards the Britain's mail order traders.

appeal fund to keep the animals Lord Sainsbury, joint presiin food and the local council dept of the family gracers and appeal fund to keep the animals in food and the local council has written to some 600 busi-nessmen seeking long-term sup-

Marsland, who has been looking for a solution to the zoo's future for some years, now hopes that the whole thing can be tied up next week. Scotia appears willing to sell-al-though the price is not known.

Europe was elarmingly illustrated at a conference at the Cafe Royal, London, yesterday, doc organized by the European League for Economic Coopers-At issue was British opposi-

tion to the European Commis-sion's draft directives on unit

pricing, alleged to involve large unnecessary extra costs for retailers, and on doorstep sell-

a member of the House of Lords committee reviewing European draft directives, stoutly maintained the British view. But for his pains he was brusquely told by Denmark's karen Moller, of the commission's consumer service, that Britain always raised its objec-

ing, which is thought to threaten

rious too late.
"I only heard about the Lords The extent to which Britain report she day before yesteris still disconnected from day, she maintained and the issue has been debated for the last two years. I had no written documentation from Britain at

Lord Sainsbury looked suitably dumbfounded, but more light on the communications say between London and Brussels was shed a minute later by Daphne Grose, of the British Consumers Association. She observed caustically: "I evidently failed completely in my task a year ago when I person-ally banded one of Mrs Moller's colleagues a written statement of the British view on unit pricing, outlining all the British Professional bodies in the food industry are worried about the way in which the traditional

ries between them are being changed by BEC rules. Pressure for vets to oversee the processing of animal products, for example, as well as working on the creatures when effire is

a conspictions example.

A new and demanding Editish qualification which will strengthen professions against such introduced by the Institute of Food Science and Technology. It will be called the Mastership in Food Control and only about 20 a year will be awarded.

Professor John Coppock,

leading academic in the baking industry told Business Diary: "We have tried to set up something that will meet EEC requirements if there ever is a directive or regulation about the people who are in charge of manufacturing very interested in seeing that there is proper protection."

The mastership is the brain-child of Professor Alan Ward, former president of the insti-tute and now chairman of the Food Standards Committee, which advises ministers about changes in food law.

Kidderminster called Doolittle and Dalley, and in London Pay



Interim Report for half year to 30th September 1977

In view of the sale of the majority of our Belgian. interests, all figures shown exclude that investment. In fact a modest profit was achieved in Belgium in the period

Turnover is little changed from the previous year. This arises from reduced volume due to the much lower level of activity in the markets we serve, particularly the construction industry, compensated by higher prices for our products largely because of the lower value of sterling. Although there are signs that activity should improve in the building industry it is not expected that this will be very apparent in our second half year, which includes the winter months. Your Company is in excellent shape to benefit when the anticipated improvement in building

Your Board has decided to pay an interim dividend of 2.75p per Ordinary Stock Unit (1977 2.5p). The interim dividend will be paid on April 7th 1978 to stockholders on the register on March 3rd 1978.

Group Results	Unaud the ha	Audited for the year to	
ed to a star to	30.9.77 £′000	30.9.76 £'000	2.4.77 £'000
External Sales.	66,250	65,173	134,069
Profit for the Period. Interest — including Loan Stock £216,000 (1976—	4,480	5,133	10,000
£227,000)	1,419	1,597	3,561
Profit before Taxation. Group Profit Attributable to Stockholders after Taxa-	3,061	3,606	6,636
tion	1,534	1,780	3,369
Interim Dividend per Ordinary Stock Unit Earnings per Ordinary Stock Unit:	2.75p	2.50	6.3p
Basic Fully Diluted	10.8p 8.7p	19.9p 10.0p	24.1p 19.2p

Braham Millar

(Unaudited)	Half year anded 30.9.77	Half year ended 30,9,75	Full year ended 31.3.77
Turnover:	£m	£m	· £m
Home	1.47	1.32	3.01
Export	3.04	2.68	5.43
•			
	4.51	4.00	8.44
	_		
Profit:	2000	0002	2000
Before Texation	511	421	972
After Taxation	245	202	B48
Dividend per 10p sh		0.5250	1.450

PROSPECTS. Demand remains strong but with profit margins coming under increasing pressure, profits for the second half year may well not exceed the very satis-factory samings in the first half, despite an increase in

Braham Millar Group Limited Capital goods for industry

Group sales increased by 13% in the

substantial increase in exports. Profit.

lower at £5.731 million. Associated

overseas, increased and some of our

smaller companies improved their

results. Our two main operating

margins.

not participate.

Trading profit ...

Taxation.....

Dividends

Retained ...

excluding metal depreciation, was 11%

company profits, which principally arise

divisions, however, had a disappointing

half year—particularly the Engineering

and Valve Division which suffered from

very severe worldwide competition in

steel valves with considerably reduced

In both main divisions production was

affected by labour unrest. This was a

new experience for the group, and can

of skilled employees at the erosion of

their differentials compared with the

determination of others that there

Sales (group companies).....

Profit before taxation

Earnings per share after tax

Profit after taxation

Ordinary dividend per share - net....

Interest paid less received ...

Share of associated company profits _____

Metal stock depreciation - estimated _____

Profit excluding metal stock depreciation

be largely attributed to the dissatisfaction

should be no increase in which they did

half year, mainly as a result of a



Pegler Hattersley

record results.

INTERIM STATEMENT 1977

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Mark up on miners but prices dip

The market breathed a sigh of relief at the miners' decision to the miners' decision to off the influence of this week's points down to 368p.

BMI were still unable to shake more ground closing eight off the influence of this week's points down to 368p.

After a mention here on the possibility of minority terms their marked up levels.

ground.

The FT Index, 3.9 down at midday, was 2.3 ahead two hours later after the mark-up. But the lack of support thereafter left prices to drift and by the close the index was 0.1 off at 485.2. Once again the total of bargains marked fell below 4,000 with equities demonstrating their current ability to hold firm on very little busihold firm on very little busi-

This is a source of satisfaction for some, but of disquiet for others who feel that some reality bad news, especially on the industrial front, could bring a sheep reaction. Profits may well be taken today or the second be taken today as the account

In the gilt-edged marker a firmer pound and the hope that better news on the money supply may lead to a settled trend in interest rates helped prices to stay close to their overnight levels.

"Shorts" eased one-eighth while longer dates quickly gained one quarter only to ease back unchanged or an eighth

Bowater Corporation may have to wait another year to join the City's ton up club. Currency fluctuations, which added around £8m to last year's sur-plus, will take the edge off 1977 profits, and with only three weeks of the current accounting period still to run the group is unlikely to met analyst's expectations of £100m this time round. The shares are 181p.

Among the industrial leaders
Beecham gained 4p to 652p and
Glaxe, where there is reported
to have been stock in the market this week, closed 2p to the
good at 592p as the selling came
to an end. The group's annual
meeting is next week.

In all a training a "sell" recomto an end. The group's annual Westbrick 4.3(5.1) 0.09(0.22) 1.2(4.6) 0.5(1.0) — (2.6) meeting is next week. Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown mendation on the charts pre-tax and earnings are let. a Porecast. b Florins. c for 16 months. d Loss. e Cent.

ment from J. Lyons was less had than expected, as predicted ably Savoy 'A', which rose 7p to 72p, and Rowton Hotels which chosed 13p shead as to help Rowntree Mackintosh, up 10p to 420p, and another well supported was Sainchure well supported was Sainsbury where the gain was 5p to 195p. But the best rise was from Northern Foods which, in a belated response to earlier figures, added 8p to 111p with dealers commenting that in the past the shares have often been restrained by the possibility of further acquisitions.

In the financial sector the clearing banks went into retreat with losses of 7p from Lloyds at 278p, National Westminster at 278p and Borclays at 328p.

Company Sales
Int or Fin 2m
Ass Television (I) 43.1(42.2)
Baker Perkins (I) 40.4(36.5)
Bambergers (I) 19.3(18.8)
Bardon Hill (I) 6.1(10.4)
Bickma & Con (I) 5.5(14.2)
Biakea's (I) 1.7(1.3)

at 180p, after 177p. GEC, in possibility of minority terms contrast, continued to feel the second thoughts on the move led many to the conclusion that it was only putting off the inevitable and this, coupled with talk of further pay moves by the engineers, kept potential buyers firmly in the background.

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oming figures are said to be encouraging others to meet with speculative demand included Associated Book, up 9p to 164p, Leigh Interests 9p to 158p, Norton & Wright 2p to 168p and Alfred Preedy where the gain was 7p to 68p.

In the oils sector BP dipped 12p to 844p on the continued weakness of Wall Street weakness of Wall Street

Two shares mentioned here of late showed some strength with George Oliver saining 5p to 42p this week and Toye & Company up 5p to 34p over a

Serck slipped 1p to 1011p around where the shares have around where the shares have rested for some time. The figures for the year to last September should be good enough, emerging at say £9.2m against the "not less than £9.2m forecast when the group fought off assessment Ref. Associated Engineering. But yesterday's news from Pegler-Hattersley was poor, and its tough going in valves could be shared by Serck this year.

Equity turnover on December 7 was £87.65m (13,611 hargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BP, GEC, Grand Metropolitan, ICI, Racal, BAT Dfd, EMI, Commercial Union, P & O Dfd, Barclays, Distillers, Beecham, Tube Investments, Commercial Union, Northern Foods, Thoro, Peglar Hattersley, NSS News, Spink & Sons and Assam Frontier.

Latest results

	Company	Sales	Profits	Earnings	Div	Fay	Year's
	Int or Fin	£m	£m	per share	pence	date	total
	Ass Television (I)	43.1(42.2)		5.66(5.89)	2.77(2.27)	21/3	-(5.42)
	Baker Perkins (1)	40.4(36.5)	3.5(3.3)	7.4(6.6)	1.9(1.55)	10/2	(3.85)
•	Bambergers (I)	19.3(18.8)	0.73(0.92)	{}	0.81(0.73)	23/1	-(2.89)
	Bardon Hill (I)	6.1(10.4)	0.49(0.97)	-(-)	3.3()	10/1	-(-)
	Bickma & Con (I)	5.S(14.2c)	0.200(0,10)	()	-(-)	_	(1.37)
	Blakey's (1)	1.7(1.3)	0.16(0.12)	()	-(-)	_	—(1.9)
	Braham Millar (1)	1.47(1.32)	0.51(0.42)	 (−)	0.6(0.52)	17/2	—(—)
	Brit Building (1)	1-0(0.99)	0.12(0.11)	4.96(4.38)	1.1(1.0)	17/2	(2.4)
	Beit Tar (1)	7.94(6.03)	0.57(0.44)	2,36(2,03)	0.5(0.17)	10/2	-(2.51)
	Castings (I)	2.1(1.7)	0.2(0.17)	-(-)	0.42(9.37)	19/1	-(1.5)
	Cawdaw Ind (I)	5.8(5.5)	0.10(0.27)	()	-(-)		-(-)
	Churchbury Est (I)	-(-)	0.122(0,125)	-(-)	1.7(1.5)	23/1	-(4.1)
	Dom Holdings (I)	4.7(3.8)	0.40(0.32)	2.72(2.17)	1.6(1.4)	2/2	(4.1)
	Giltspur (I)	34.2(31.1)	1.05(0.57)	-(-)	1.0(0.9)	17/1	-(2.6)
	Glenmuttay (F)	-(-)	0.17(0.14)	1.77(1.45)	1.0(0.85)	2/2	1.7(1.45)
	GUS (I)	566.07(503.2)	53.0(46.0)	10.28(8.9)	3.6(3.23)	31/3	—(7.38)
	Int Timber (I)	66.2(65.1)	3.06(3.6)	8.7(10.0)	2.75(2.5)	7/4	-(6.2)
	James Latham (I)	13.3(13.4)	0.5(0.8)	-(-)	2.65(3.0)	20/1	—(6.6)
	John J. Lees (I)	0.70(0.54)	9.05(0.06)	-()	-(-)	16/1	-(1.9)
	Liner Concrete (F)	7.91(6.19)	0.63(0.7)	3.19(3.74)	0.75(0.67)	18/2	1.3(1.17)
	Lombard North -	-(-)	11.7(8.4)	-(-)	() 0.5(0.37)	_	-(-)
	Ldn Merch Sec (1)	44.7(36.7)	4.04(2.65)	3.55(2.4)	0.5(0.37)	= -	-(1.25)
		365.0(340.0)	6.5(4.6)	-(-)	2.06(2.03)	27/1	— (7.5)
	Pegier-Hirsley (I)		5.4(7.2)	8.7(12.2)	3.1(2.8)	30/1	7.6a(6.8)
	Philips' Lps B (I)	-(-)	()	-(-)	0.60(0.60)	_	-(1.60)
			0.30(0.30)	-(-)	-(-)	_	-(-)
		10,2(9.6)	0.76(0.93)	3.27(3.90)	0.81(0.72)	_	1.03(0.92)
			()	-(-)	27.5e(20e)	_	—(80e)
			0,13(0.06)	19.38(5.95)	—(-)	=	-(-).
	Sterling lad (1)		0.72(0.38)	1.43(0.86)	0.35(0.25)	3/4	-(1.1)
	Trafford Cots (1)		0.06(0.091)	2.29(0.10)	1.0(0.81)	6/4	—(2.0)
	Westhrick 4	4.9(5.1)	0.09(0.22)	1.2(4.6)	0.5(1.0)	_	—(2.6)

Shake-up at Westbrick

By Tony May

Profits have alumped, the interim dividend is halved and the chairman, Mr Patrick Stedham, and four other directors have resigned at Westbrick Products. Mr Stedham and Mr D. R. Saunders, the managing director, will no longer hold any executive post in the company, but three other ex-directors will continue in executive capacities.

Two non-executive directors were appointed on October 1 and one, Mr J. W. Sutherland is now the non-executive chair—mun.

will be recruited from outside the group of £189,000. The board warns that it is not possible to fore-cast results for the full year with any certainty. Taking the hint the market chopped 7p of the shares at 30p.

Since establishing its subsicing since reaching a record tax losses have reached £43,000 and the group's total committence in executive capacities.

Two non-executive directors will act as this bricks and the shares at 30p.

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A new massaging director

Results for the second half of this year

will depend on the price levels

attainable in some markets and our

production. Though our order book

we will be able to repeat last year's

The Board has declared an interim

ordinary dividend of 3.15p per share,

compared with 2.85p in 1976, which

will be payable on 30th January, 1978

to ordinary shareholders on the register

at 30th December, 1977. Subject to

unforeseen circumstances, the Board

dividend for the year of 7.685p per

maximum permitted under present

Half year to

30th Sept 25th Sept

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INDUSTRIAL VALVES • DOMESTIC PLUMBING FITTINGS • RADIATOR VALVES • ACRYLIC SANITARY WARE

INDUSTRIAL RUBBER COMPONENTS - FABRICATIONS AND DESALINATION EQUIPMENT

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share (1976/77~6.881p), the

intends to recommend a total ordinary

regulations. Dividend cover will remain

J. M. Harrison

Chairman

Year to

2nd April

1977

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remains satisfactory, it is unlikely that

ability to maintain uninterrupted

at the attributable level of partners in Dubai simed at £51,000 compared with a profit ing more working capital.

Vickers da Costa chairman criticizes SE 'caution'

On the face of it; a partial profits recovery from an annualised level of £132,000 to £405,000 in the year to end-August last should be the cause of some satisfaction at Vickers da Costa. satisfaction at Vickers da Costa.
But the chairman's statement
contains an attack against the
Stock Exchange and the fiscal
system as it affects the securities industry.

"The Stock Exchange is not,
of course, perfect.", Mr Ralph
Vickers asserts. "In particular
in has over the years damaged

it has over the years damaged the long term interests of its members by excessive caution, limiting instead of encouraging competitive instincts and there-by allowing competition from non-members to become estab-lished in London."

But the brunt of Mr Vicker's attack is concentrated on "two of the most stupid taxes ever inflicted on the public "-stamp transfer duty and the premium surrender.
"The transfer stamp certainly

loses more revenue to the Gov-ernment than it produces", he claims, while the maintenance of the dollar premium over the past 12 years "has contributed to the decline of the inter-national market in London." These taxes, coupled with the "prohibitive restrictions on stock borrowing" have also hurt the firm's arbitrage operations to the extent that its revenue from international

business has more than halved over the past four years to an annual level of about £700,000. annual level of about £700,000.

Despite the profit upturn and his hope that "the year as a whole may produce more satisfactory results than we have experienced recently", the payroll has been cut by 70 to 227. United Kingdom employees. The more bullish prospects however, are persuading the board to consider a maiden dividend which may be recommended when the next interim figures are available.

The recent cash retention

are available.

The recent cash retention policy has enabled Vickers to build not asset backing from £1.53 to £2.39 over the past four years, but a conversion to dollars—"one of the weaker world currencies"—shows an increase of only 36 cents to \$4.16 per share. "Hardly an impressive result" expressed in these terms and the return of only 10 per cent of capital or the second or the sec only 10 per cent of capital em-ployed thwarts Vickers "long term aim of building in London a firm capable of competing in the world securities industry with the major houses from the United States and Japan."

Sales and profit well ahead. Increased bookings from overseas tour operators and Autumn conference season satisfactory. Filming of sequences of Warner Brosproduction "Agatha" has already contributed to revenue.

Premier to farm out N Sea stake

By Desmond Quigley
Premier Consolidated Oil-fields, which took over its associate Ball & Collins earlier

associate Ball & Collins earlier this year, is completing arrangements to farm out part of its interest in Block 3/25 in the North Sea.

The company announced yesterday along with its interim figures that, subject to approval of the Department of Energy, the stake would be reduced from 20 per cent under a potential per cent under a potential agreement with a group of companies led by Zapata International.

In return the companies taking no the 10 per cent stake will finance the drilling of a new exploratory well on the block. Uneconomic qualities of oil bare aiready been found on a structure in the south-east corner of the block but the main structure has yet to be

In the six months to end September the group made a pre-tex profit of £301,000 on a burnover of £985,000. However tax, which was almost entirely applicable to operations in Trinidad, was at the rate of 63

Trinided, were at the rate of 63 per cent.

Last year Premier made an interim pre-tax profit of £307,000 on a turnover of £862,000, although the figures are not directly comparable because Ball & Collins is included for 51 months this year. In the year to the end of last December, Ball & Collins made a pre-tax loss, after an exceptional tax loss after an exceptional credit, of £50,000.

Premier reports that since the

end of March its cash balances have increased substantially. During the first half of the year the group save it has drilled three successful wells in the Reggente gas field in Italy and six oil producing wells on its properties in the Midway Sunset Oilfield, California.

B & LINE LINE
This Irish government owned
shipping and transport group expects pre-tax profits to rise from
£294,000 to £774,000 this year.

Interim boost from **London Merchant** but shares ease

Reduced borrowings and a better showing on the industrial side boosted profits at Lord Rayne's property, investment and industrial holding group London Merchant Securities. At the pre-tax level they rose 54 per cent from £2.6m to £4m in the six months to September 30 last on turnover up by over a fifth to £44.7m. This compares with £36.8m last time.

Bank loans are down by several million pounds according to the chairman and this, coupled to lower interest rates, leaves financial charges at £2.9m against a previous £3.4m.

The group did benefit from this rise is likely to be gradual.

As rents increase and more
property is let this side will
step up its contribution. It will

Rayne reports that there is some depth to them.

In line with the group's accounting policy, no provision has been made for tax which is unlikely to become payable Carlton Industries and 40 per within the next five years. As such the tax charges such only 100 feel on 100 per profits, an in-



step up its contribution. It will not be reflected too much in the second half, according to the chairman, but it will certainly be better next year.

On the industrial side, substiciary Carlton Industries showed the biggest improvement. The lead acid batteries and industrial fasteners company has made most of the running and this is kkely to continue into the second half

Order books are currently substantially higher than at the beginning of the year and Lord Rayne reports that there is rained. This could see LMS making a total of around £7.5m pre-tax. On a share price of 75p, down 0.5p yesterday, and assuming a maximum dividend this gives a prospective yield of around 2.7 per cent and a pre-tail of 71.

There has been Stock Market speculation over a number of months that LMS will bid for the 20 per cent of Carlton Industries and 40 per cent of fellow subsidiary Inver-

Strike hits Baker Perkins at half-way

By Our Financial Staff
A three-week strike at an
American subsidiary earlier this
year cost Baker Perkins, the
food and chemicals machinery
manufacturer, around £500,006.
Although some part of the
lost production will be made
up by year-end, the stoppese
did affect interim profits. In
the six months to September 30
the group made a pre-tax profit
of £3.55m against a corresponding £3.35m on turnover up from ing £3,35m on turnover up from £35m to £40.4m. But, had it not

E35m to £40.4m. But, had it not been for the industrial action, profits would have topped the £4m mark, according to Mr Coim Joyce, finance director. Much of the improvement came from a growth in exports, which now account for 57 per cent of United Kingdom sales. In the first six months of the property year, they rose from

to concentrate on its surengths.
The United Kingdom market remains fairly static and Mr loyce reports that the group has been increasingly relying on exports and oversess manufac-

been rationalizing product linus

In the six months, this latter side could do little more than mark time with sales of £14.5m but, with the American dispute behind it, is likely to show an improvement at the end of the year. Trading in both America and Australia is buoyant though the current weakness of the dollar against the pound could prove to be a decressing brake Mr I. Gilbert chairman, tells shareholders in the interim statement that the value of orders placed by United Kingdom customers has fallen but this has been balanced by a conductor block level of page.

business in America.

And he is confident of a further advance in sales and profits in the second half. In

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

LONDON TIN/ **NEW TRADEWINDS GROUP**

Arising from the re-organisation of the New Tradewinds Group, the U.K. offices of the undermentioned companies will be transferred to 40 Holborn Viaduct. London, EC1P 1AJ, with effect from 1st January, 1978. Under this reconstruction the existing office at 55/61 Moorgete, London. EC2R 6BH, will close on 31st December, 1977. On the same date Mr D. R. Mitchell and Mr W. T. Dunne will be retiring or resigning from the

Ameigemeted Tin Mines of Nigeria (Holdings) Limited, Amalgamated Tin Mines of Rigeria Limited, Aokam Tin Bertrad.

Kamunting Tin Dredging Limited, Malayan Tin Dredging, Limited, Kramat Pulai, Limited. London Tin Corporation Limited,

Southern Kinta Consolidated, Limited, Southern Malayari Tin Dredging Limited, The Anglo-Oriental and General Investment Trust Limited, Tongkah Herbour Tin Dredging Berhad,

Also with effect from 1st January, 1978, the U.K. offices of the undemoted companies will be transferred to 40 Holbom Viaduct, London, EC1P 1AJ :-

Berjuntal Tin Dredging Berhad. Kampong Lanjut The Dredging Berhad. Kamunting Tin Dredging (M) Berhad, Kramat Tin Dredging Berhad, Kuala Kamper Tin Fields Berhad. Lower Perak Tin Dredging Berhad, Malayan Tin Dredging (M) Berhad, Southern Kinta Consolidated (M) Berhad. Southern Malayan Tin Dredging (M) Berhad.

CORRECTION NOTICE-



BEARER DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by the Company. on 13 October 1977, NOTICE is now given that the following:
DISTRIBUTION will become payable to Authorised Depositionies on or after 13 December 1977 against presentation and the state of the control o the Depositary (as below) of Claim Forms (obtainable from the Depositary) listing Bearer Depositary Receipts.

Gross Distribution per Unit 4.00 cents.

Less 15% US Withholding Tax 0.60 cents

3.40 cents per unit

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7 December 1977

US growth helps Barclays Int

Even excluding the benefits the underlying growth at Barclays Bank International continues to be impressive.

Pre-tax profits in the year to end-September rose almost a fig. 5m has been deducted from the continues from the continues to be impressive. quarter to £113.3m.

That was despite the reduction in BBI's holding in Nigeria to 40 per cent following the Government's acquisition of a 11.7 per cent stake which has lowered the contribution to. profits from £15.9m to £11.8m. BBI's results have been obtained despite the slowdown in world trade and the international activities have gained in particular from recent acqui-sitions especially in the United States as well as increasing demand for export finance. In South Africa, however, results have been affected by the provisions against property lending although with the strength of sterling the impact has been reduced.

reserves. With profits from the domestic banking operations of the Barclays group under pressure, the international pressure, the international operations are now of growing importance.

COMME BOLDINGS Annual meeting told by chair-man, Mr Harry Sportong that there was still no reliable indication of general improvement in retail furniture. Profit for half year to next January will be down on year earlier.

L and G directors say that share-holders will get reasoned rejection to Ladbroke offer soon.

DALGETY strength of stering the impact has been reduced.

Meanwhile realignment of exchange rates outside the normal trading activities of the strength of stering the impact of the strength of the strength

Applications for less than £50,000 of 113 per cent red stock 1985-87 for ES0,000 stock and above get around 0.90 per cent of amount splied for. Application for floating rate stock allowed in full.

LEVERS OFFICAL . Company has completed its security arrangements, its bankers have formally renewed its overdraft facilities on similar terms to those which the company previously enjoyed.

LAWRENCE-RCONA
On December 6 Walter Lawrence
sold stake of 765,000 ordinary in
Econa for £479,934 net. Econa
board cooperated with placing.
Proceeds will finance recent
Latham & Owen acquisition.

ANGLOVAAL CROUP ANGLOVAAL GROUP
Consolidated Murchison, major
antimony producer, slashed final
dividend from 90c to 10c, while
Harrebessforesia Gold Milaing's
dividend at 75c was not up to expectations. Middle Wits 10c (10c).
Eastern Transual 10c (5c). Zandpan Gold 12c (10ic), Angle-Trans
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ATV looking to £13m full-time but market sees £14m-plus

At just over £5m, ATV's protex profess to September 25 are £156,000 less than for the same period last year, but a little above the market's expec-tations. The shortfall is ascribed by the company to "exceptional relevision programme costs.", which Mr Jack Gill, deputy chairman, explains as the Jesus of Nazareth film. These costs will not recur, and the company is confident of pre-tax profits for the whole year of "nor best for the whole year of "nor less than " £13m, Mr Gill says ATV's cash position is strong in the wake of last October's £9m rights issue.

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ATV does not offer a breekdown of its interim profit figures, but some analysts feel that while films may for the moment have caused a profits dip, much better results will have been shown by tapes and records from Pye, from the Ansafone interests, and from property and music publishing. He says that two major feature films have been completed, and they are expected to contribute to profits in the next financial

"disappointed" that the Annan committee into the fourth channel's future had not allocated this to the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

But these are distant fears for shareholders, Although the "A" shares closed Ip down at '99, the yield remains high at year. Analysts, point out, however, that film profits can prove ever, that film profits can prove expect the interim dividend is 2.772p, compared with 2.275p. The board expects to recommend total net dividends for the sources are suggesting £14m. The higher figure is based on the fourth channel's future had not allocated this to the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

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Pancontin'l

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By Desmond Quigley
Panconninental Mining has
claimed that its Jabiluka urauium project in the Northern
Territory could generate
A\$240m a year in export revenue from the end of 1981, rising
to \$270m a year from the middle of the next decade, Reuter

reports.

The claim is made in a draft environmental impact statement on the project which has been filed by Pancontinental in

accordence with Government

Pencontinental has always been optimistic as to when it

could get into production and the reaction in London to the

development sequence implied in the statement with work be-

sinning early next year was that

the company was yet again being somewhat optimistic. Apart from the fact that there

long way to go before it can start on the project even when,

see \$240m

Price and



rising expenditure next year, and the traditionally higher winter season relevision profits. The market appears confident that the profits trend is firmly

Two other factors, apart from the uncertainty of film sales, which could upset the trend, are government legislation and allocation of the fourth channel franchise and speculation that ATV's midiand tranchise could be split in two. In his statement in the accounts for the last financial year Lord Grade, ATV's chairman, said he was "disappointed" that the Annan

Rental market growth gives lift to Haslemere

By Ray Maughan

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The growing strength of the rise to £1.27m. In compliance prime office rental market with current management coupled with a few more lettings and reversions helped to investment properties.

tings and reversions helped to boost Haslemere Estates' net rental revenue by 23 per cent to £4.05m in the six months ended September 30 lest. The annual total is estimated to rise by about 15 per cent to over £8.2m eithough the board, headed by Mr Frederick Cleary, stresses that this will probably turn out to be a conservative forecast.

Interest charged climbed slightly to £2.52m white out £94,000 to £275,000 as a result of ground rents on lesseback arrangements and some empty rates. Treeding profits rose from £203,000 to £360,000—likely to reach about £500,000—likely to reach about £500,000 in the full transparement. boost Haslemere Estates' net rental revenue by 23 per cent to £4.05m in the six months folio comprised offices and 97 per cent was located in the samual total is estimated to rise by about 16 per cent to over £8.2m although the board, beard in the six mouths folio comprised offices and 97 per cent to over £8.2m although the board, beard by Mr Fraderick Cleary, stresses that this will probably turn out to be a conservative forecast.

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Setback for **Pegler** but payout goes up

The aim of Pegler-Hattersley was to hold its ground over the current year, but a combination of tough trading conditions and

Sales for the six months to September 30 rose 13 per cent to £41.4m, thanks to a big rise in exports, but pre-tax profits dropped 25 per cent to £5.4m. Margins at this level are down from 19.9 per cent to 13 per cent. Suppling out metal stock depreciation charges, profits are depreciation charges, profits are down only 11 per cent to £5.7m.
Looking ahead, Mr James Harrison, chairman, says that the results for the second half-year will depend upon prices in some markets and the group's ability to meintain uninterrupted production. Although the order book remains good it is unlikely that the group will be able to repeat last year's record profit of £18.1m—a jump of 26 per cent.

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On a brighter more, he added that the interim divideod is raised from 4.38p to 4.77p gross, and Mr Harrison plans to raise the total for the year from 10.58p to 11.63p. He points out that this is a maximum payment, and that the cover will remain high. The market did not like the trading outlook however, and the shares dropped 10p to 176p.

estimated for the current fiscal

Bayerische Bank

through a one-for-ten offer to

GE of America again looks to higher return

International

parent bank's balance sheet totalled DM35,500m against

DM32,700m at the end of 1976. The group balance sheet total increased to DM61,000m from

DM56,700m last year, the bank paid a DM10 dividend on ordinary shares and DM11.50 on

The Dow Chemical Company of America says it will purchase on the open market 1.5 million shares of its common stock before December 31 next year.

It says it is purchasing the stock to cover the distribution

stock to cover the distribution of shares when an employee stock purchase plan is com-pleted in the spring. In Septem-ber Dow Chemical authorized the purchase of an additional

1.5 million shares which has been completed. It currently has about 183 million shares

Myer Emporium of Mel-bourne says it will be very difficult to maintain profit in the first half of the current

year at last year's levels. The chairman, Mr K. Steel said that so far this year sales are above the year earlier level, but lower than planned.

than planned.

The company, he said, was aiming to double both profit and sales from last year's level by 1982 to A\$90m (about £56.2m) and A\$2,000m respectively, with investments of nearly A\$250m over the period. In the year ended July 31, the company had consolidated net profit of A\$44.8m.

Belgian metals merger

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Beigian metals company, La
Metalio Chimique SA says it
will merge its commercial,
administrative and production
activities with those of Sicomet
SA by January 30. These will
then be concentrated on
Metallo's plant at Beerse, near
Antwerp. Metallo, which has
an annual turnover of around
2,000m Beigian francs (about
130.6m), processing iron ores.

2000m Seighan Francs (about £30.6m), processing iron ores, metal waste and copper. Sico-met previously acted mainly as Metallo's sales agent.

Metaligesellschaft AG, the West Germen heavy engineering group, says that its 1976-77 provisional domestic group earnings rose slightly over the previous year when consolidated

group net profit was DM18.29m (shout £4.3m). This improve-

ment is influenced by a lower legal requirement on pension provisions, it says. Finance Director Herr Jakobus Greven

said the company would try not to use Germany's corporation tax reform as justification for lowering the dividend and it will further try to raise open

Metall improves

Myer doubtful

per DM50 nominal share.

Dow to buy shares

the preference.

America expects its 1977 earnings to be in the range of \$4.70 to \$4.80 per share. This is up from \$4.12 in 1976, Mr Reginald

at a shareholders' meeting in October when he said that the estimate was in line with projections by securities ana-

Mr Jones, commenting on the Hitachi joint venture, said Hitachi will pay its share in cash. But, he refused to disclose the amount. He added that Hitachi will bring in staff and technology for their ven-

will be profitable this year and in 1978. Mr Jones estimated that 9.5 million colour televisions will be sold in the United States next year, slightly above the projected 9 million for this year. for this year.

He said that GE was planning no major acquisitions at this time because "We would

be in a little trouble with the Justice Department just right now after the Utah International purchase. He added that GE had no major plans for a stock repurchase or debt reduction

programme.

The high foreign borrowing of about \$400m (about £222.2m) would be kept at that level as

Hambro Group sells

Hambro Group sells

Australian Asiatic Corporation of Australia (AAC) and the Hambro Group said that Hambro Australia and other members of the Hambro Group had sold their 55.6 per cent shareholdings in AAC at 30 cents per share. Union Corporation (Australia), which owned 10 per cent of AAC's six million 20 cent per share capital, also sold its stake at 30 cents a share. The shares were purchased as follows: Falkiner Holdings Ltd 1.8 million, Allcott 1.8 million and the AAC staff incentive scheme 341,000.

Nomura sees decline

Nomura Research Institute of Japan predicts after-tex profit of 402 Japanese companies will show an average decline of 2.9 per cent in the six months to March 31 and another fall of 10.7 per cent in the following six months. This is because of stagnant industrial production in the stagnant industrial production. in Japan and a slowdown in exports under the pressure of the recent appreciation of the

the recent appreciation of the yen, it said.

The prediction was made on the assumption that Japan's real economic growth rate in fiscal 1978, starting in April, will be between 4.5 and 5 per cent, compared with between 5.5 per cent and 6 per cent are imparted for the current fiscal are imparted for the current fiscal year.

Bayerische Vereinsbank has amounced in Munich, that it is raising capital to DM315m (about 175m) from DM286m

Stewarts & Lloyds of South Africa Limited

GROUP RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1977 AND DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS

Audited results of the Group for the year ended 30 September 1977 with comparable figures for the previous year are as

	Year ended 30 September 1977	Year ended 30 September 1976
	R000	R:000
Turnover	206 039	207 966
Income before tax	13 903 5 162	18 094 7 191
Income after taxation	8 741	10 903
Less: Applicable to outside shareholders Preference dividends	771 36	732 36
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders	7.954	10 135
Earnings per ordinary share based on weighted average number of shares 22 603 866 (1976 : 22 510 533)	35,1c	45,0c
Ordinary shares in issue Dividend per share Dividend cover	22 790 533 17,0c 2,05	22 510 533 17,0c 2,64

As forecast in the interim report the sessonal improvement normally experienced during the second half of the financial year materialised. Group performance was affected, however, by the low level of economic activity which prevailed throughout the

Sales for the group totalled R206 030 000—a decrease in monetary terms of approximately 1% compared with the previous year. Mainly due to continued lack of volume and smaller gross margins, income after the decreased by 20% from R10,9m to R8,7m. Earnings per share declined by just under 10 cants (22%) to 35,1 cents.

The Directors have decided that the earnings for the year and the group's inherent strength warrant maintaining the ordinary dividend at the level of the previous year.

DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned dividends have Notice is hereby given the been declared: been declared: been declared: been declared: A dividend of 6° per annum for the six months ending 31 December 1977 payable to the holders of six per cent first cumulative preference shares registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 15 December

Ordinary dividend No. 46: A dividend of 17 cents per share for the financial year ended 36 September 1977 payable to holders of ordinary shares registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 15 December 1977. The preference and ordinary dividends are declared in the currency of the Republic

In terms of the South African Income Tax Act, 1926, as amended the dividends are subject to the deduction of non-resident share-holders' tax. The tax will be deducted at the applicable rate in the case of shareholders whose addresses in the share registers are outside the Republic of South Africa.

Registers of members, including the United Kingdom Office preference share register, will be closed from 16 December to 31 December 1977 both dates inclusive. Dividend werrants will be posted to abareholders on or about 5 January 1978.

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is a Government moritorium on uranium development and that the whole issue is highly sensitive in Australia (it is a major issue in Saturday's general election), Pancoprinental still has a Spink still in takeover talks Consent.

Over its estimated 30 year operational life, the projects export 'revenue could total about \$16,000m, using the current spot 'price for uranium of A\$36 a pound, while gold would

probably add a further \$7m to \$8m for at least four years, the company said.

Estimated capital expenditure has been put at a total of with a \$272m with \$186m in the first parties"

Its shares early on drifted 36p to about 288p on the stock market following the intimation that the talks with the first potential bidder had been called off

By Ashley Druker London-based coin and fine art dealers Spink & Sons has broken off talks with the still unidentified original suitor, widely thought to be Stanley and year-ender they will have the final word on any takeover move. Spink also said year-day that the directions of the staff of the staff that Mr Philip Spink is to to tors were also paying "particular attention to the interests of the staff that Mr Philip Spink is to to tors were also paying "particular attention to the interests of the staff that Mr Philip Spink is to to tors were also paying "particular attention to the interests of the staff that Mr Philip Spink is to to tors were also paying "particular final attention to the interests of the staff that Mr Philip Spink is to to tors were also paying "particular final attention to the interests of the staff that Mr Philip Spink is to to tors were also paying "particular final attention to the interests of the staff that Mr Philip Spink is to to tors were also paying "particular final attention to the interests of the staff that Mr Philip Spink is to tors were also paying "particular final attention to the interests of the staff that Mr Philip Spink is to to tors were also paying "particular final attention to the interests of the staff that Mr Philip Spink is to to tors were also paying "particular final attention to the interests of the Spink equity carries at the S

takeover rumours since the initial approach in late September, revealed yesterday that discussions were proceeding with a "number of interested

is to be the new managing director. Additionally, Mr A. F. Spink and Mr E. C. Joelin, at present associated directors, are to join the main board. At end-October Spink turned interim results to June 30 in interim results to June 30 last showing pre-tax profits up more than 150 per cent to £588,000.

The firm is still playing cool Later, however, hopes that bowever and once again no one of the other interested clues are being revealed on the parties will submit firm projective of the potential bidders. four years of development and a further \$86m being needed in the following three years for

Int Timber slump knocks shares imediate future comes from Mr Ronald Groves, chairman of International Timber.
On the bank of profits which

interim stage he warns that signs of an improvement in the building industry are not expected to boost the group's second half. However International Timber is in excellent shape to benefit when the anticipated improvement in building occurs, he adds. None-theless the shares fell 5p on

In the six months to September 30, group pre-tax profits sliped from a previous £3.6m to £3m on sales up from £65m to E56m. These figures exclude the investment in Belgium, which was sold earlier this year. A modest profit, was in fact, achieved in that country

in the period. A lower level of activity in construction industry resulted in reduced sales at IT but his was compensated by higher prices, largely because of the lower value of sterling. leaving turnover of the group little changed on last year's

Richards confident

despite reverse The board of Richards, a maker of yarns, fire hose and industrial canvas, is not dismay by a slip in pre-tax profits from £931,000 to \$768,000 for the year to September 30. Mr A. R. Robertson, the chairman, says that when allowance is made for the disallowance is made for the distortion created by the with-drawal of the Regional Employment Premium, amounting to \$5,000, and the bad debt of \$33,000 incurred through the collapse of the Bond Worth Group, the portfolio becomes ess than 5 per cent, compared with last year's record. in a year which was the worst for man-made fibres in living memory, the "excellence of these results" becomes

Ynle Catto forms new Malaysia comany

apparent.

Yule Carro, the rubber, oil palms and plastics group, has loined with Telok Plantations forming a new development company in Majaysia, Taman Melanti. The company has been formed to develop for houning and industrial use 493 acres of Mengikobol Estate, adjacent to the town of Kluang in Johore, previously part of Yule Cam's

A rather gloomy view of the mediate future comes from Mr cent. Telok will pey \$500,000 the bamk of profits which alimped by over \$\frac{1}{2}\text{m}\$ at the interim stage he warns that iten outding industry are not bank of profits which are interim stage in the outding industry are not bank of profits which are interim stage he warns that they had a lot more orders. These were heat exchangers, axtended service heat exchangers in the United Kingdom, paper machinery, and sewage plant.

panel criticism

Mr Angus Murray, Crans Fruehauf chairman, who had his knuckies rapped by the Takeover Panel earlier this week, is asking for a meeting to discuss the issue. The Crane directors are angry about panel criticism following a structure of the them that they a statement, by them, that they could not stand by their profits forecast if the American group Fruebauf Corporation won control of the company. Mr Murray has asked for an early meeting with the panel chair-

Slip by Jas Latham but outlook better

The slump in the timber The slump in the timber trade generally has reduced margins at James Latham from 7.7 to 3.7 per cent. Pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 are 37 per cent down at £501,000, while surnover dipped 6 per cent to £13.3m. This follows a drop of 6 per cent in profits to £509,000 in the second-half of last year. Mr E. M. Latham, chairman. Mr E. M. Latham, chairman, says that it is too early to predict the outcome for the full year, but he does see some signs that the market is beginning to improve.

Liner Concrete is

caught by slump The continuing depression in the construction industry bas thwarted hopes that Liner Con-crete Machinery could improve its results for the full year to September 3. At half time, pretax profits went up from £215,000 to £310,000, but the depression, the end of the Regional Employment Premium and the cost of a new factory have caused the first setback in seven years. Pre-tax profits dropped 9 per cent to £636,000. As is often the case at this time of year in the building industry, demand is slack, which does not promise well for the half-year results.

Hunt & Moscrop hale

and hearty On the face of it, nothing would have been easier for Hunt and Moscrop (Middleron) Malaysia Plantations. Yule than to look forward to a big Catto will have 40 per cent of increase in profits this year, the company and Telok, a However, Mr E. W. Hunt, chair-

sewage plant.

In total orders were 50 per cent up. The process plant division also has plenty to get on with, and the £4.7m contract for the Soviet Union will alone account for a figure similar to the whole of the group's exports in the year to June 30. Then, pre-tax profits rose from £1.05m

Margins squeezed at Bambergers

at Bambergers

In line ith chairman Mr Cecil Woodburn-Bamberger's warning at the amual meeting, fierce competition in the itmber industry has chipped away at the profits of Bambergers. In the half year to September 30 the group made £732,000 pre-tax, against a previous £925,000 on sales up from £18.9m to £19.3m leaving margins a full point tighter at 3.8 per ceut. Trading conditions are not likely to improve in the second half, but the chairman reports that the group is maintaining market group is maintaining market share.

Samuelson family is still eager to buy

The Samuelson Film char-man, Mr S. Samuelson, reafirmed his family's determination to return the com-pany to private status, but much depends on whether techmcal problems can be resolved. The boar dsaid last year that discussions were taking place which might lead to a cash offer from the Samuelson family for the group, and approaches to the Inland Revenue have since been made. Comenting on a rise in pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 from £336,000 to £635,000, Mr Samuelson gave a warning that a fall is likely in the current year.

VICTORIA CARPET Board explains that provision for collapse of Bond Worth thought prudent; but a large part could be recovered if all goes well. Business picking up a bit, but a reasonable return on capital depends on big recovery in world depends.

BREMNER ADDED Pre-tax profits for half to f301,000 (£238,000). Interim dividend 1.53p gross (1.5150). Turn-over maintained, but less favourable trading conditions had adverse effect on profits for an

Shipping slump now hitting Stag Line

Stag Line, the group with five ships weighing 41,233 tons with another under construction for delivery next February cannot avoid the world slump forever.

In his statement with the accounts for the year to October 31, Mr. Nicholas Robinson, chairman, not surprisingly explains:

"Until the present oversupply of world tomage is belanced by an adequate amount of world trade, the future will remain gloomy."

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fixed forward, but two more are unfixed. Shareholders are warned that it will need a big rise in freight rates for Stag to

Lombard North Central boosted by interest rate

The full in interest rapes since November last year brought a boom period for Britain's best known car financier, Lombard North Central So much so that if interest rates remain at or near the present levels, a fur-ther increase in profitability over the next 12 months is on the cards.

Lombard, a subsidiery of National Westminster Bank, reports a leap in pre-tax profits of 38 per cent to £11.7m for the year to September 30,

fixed forward, but two more are unfixed. Shareholders are warned that it will need a big rise in freight rates for Stag to make money this year. They are however offered the prospect of a dividend from profits of a dividend from profits retained in earlier years.

Business appointments

Top changes at Standard **Chartered Merchant Bank**

M. Baillie, managing director of Wallace Brothers Bank, has been made deputy managing director of Standard Chartered Merchant and will continue as managing director of Wallace Brothers board.

remains of the Board of Wanate Brothers Bank.

Mr James Evans will join the main board of The Thomson Organisation on January 1, with special responsibility for group policies on human resources. He was a statement of the executive board will service board.

will remain on the executive board and as a director of other Thomson companies, including Thomson companies, including Thomson North Sea and Times Thomson North Sea and Times Newspapers.

Mr C. Tidbury is to become chairman of Whitbread on January 1, taking over from Mr A. Bennett, who will remain on the board and continue as chairman of Whitbread Investment. Mr G. R. Seymour becomes deputy chairman, Mr Farrington managing director (international) and Mr A. J. J. Simonds-Gooding managing director (UK).

Mr M. D. McWilliam, deputy chairman of Standard Chartered Merchant Bank, has been appointed managing director, from January 1. Mr D. H. Rooney, at present chairman and managing director, continues as chairman with Mr Holland becoming chairman of the four group operating companies.

Mr Douglas Liddell is to be the treatment of Sainteen of Sa

director of Wallace Brothers

Bank.

Mr D. P. Pinks, general manager of Standard Chartered Bank, becomes a senior general manager. Mr A. E. Ely, a deputy chariman of Wallace Brothers

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> thairman of Smartit, the Jefferson Smurfit Group's holding company in the United Kingdom. He has also been made executive chairman of Alliance Smurfit Mr G. A. Huut is now chair-man of Thurgar Bardez and Mr A. Collin Group managing direc-

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Sir Alex Page, chairman of Metal Box, has joined the board of Electrolux.

Mr G. L. B. Morgan, a deputy chief accountant of the Bank of England from April 3, on the retirement of Mr G. J. Costello.

Mr T. J. Daly has become cheretory director, finance, for Chrysler Europe, succeeding Mr F. Rogers who has taken up another senior post with Chrysler Europe. Mr Daly is succeeded as director, finance, for Chrysler United Kingdom by Mr R. D. Parham. Mr G. L. B. Morgan, a deputy

Globe Investment Trust

Interim Report for the six months ended 30th September, 1977

Merger

Under a Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation dated 20th July, 1977, which was sanctioned by the High Court and became effective on 15th September, 1977, Globe Investment Trust Limited ("Globe") was merged with Cable Trust Limited, ("Cable"). The assets and liabilities of Cable were acquired by Globe in consideration for the issue of shares to Cable stockholders. Certain associated companies including Electra Investment Trust Limited ("the new subsidiaries") became subsidiaries of Globe as a result of the margar.

Group Earnings

The unaudited consolidated revenue and earnings of Globe, Cable and the new subsidiaries for the six months ended 30th September, 1977 were:

Gross group revenue Group earnings before taxation... £8,437,000 Group earnings after taxation..... 5,019,000 Minority interests _ Earnings attributable to Globe Ordinary Stockholders_ £4,630,000

Interim dividends in respect of current financial period On 9th September, 1977 Globe paid an Interim dividend of 2.6p per stock unit (£2,453,069 of which Cable received £501,561) and on the same date Cable paid a special interim dividend of 3.64p per stock unit (£2,679,357 of which Globe received £950,164).

Final dividend in respect of current financial period

The Directors of Globe, as stated in the Scheme document, are confident that they will be in a position to recommend the payment in July, 1978 of a final dividend of at least 1.5p per unit on the increased ordinary share capital of Globe in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1978.

Investments at middle market price or valuation Net assets attributable to Globe Ordinary Stockholders ... The investment valuations include 100 per cent, of the investment currency premium where applicable. At 30th September 1977 this amounted to £12,106,000 of which 25% would have

been surrendered to the Bank of England if certain investments had been sold on that date

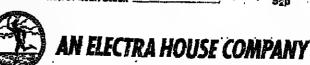
The following unaudited figures as at 30th September, 1977 relate to the merged Globe Group.

(31st March, 1977: £17,928,000). Net Consolidated Assets per Stock Unit

Investments and Net Assets

Net assets per stock unit of the merged Globe Group at 30th September. 1977 and comparative figures of net assets per stock unit of the Globe Group as at 31st March, 1977 calculated on the basis that the merger had taken place on 31st March, 1977 were:

30th Sept. 31st March Net Assets: 1977 1977 Per Ordinary Stock Unit of 25p 157₈p 1412p Allowing for full conversion of Loan Stock 1527p 137∂¤ Potential net liability for tax on unrealised capital gains and loss on surrender of investment currency premium: Per Ordinary Stock Unit of 25p.__ 103p Allowing for full conversion of Loan Stock



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MARKET REPORTS

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New York, Dec 3.—Brazil has made its Indemnity and price guarantee on December coffee sidpments available to top traders.

They noted that the indemnity and price guarantee had previously been made available only to roasters.

Señor Camillo Calazans, president of the Brazilian Coffee Institute, said roasters buying Brazilian coffee for January and February shipment would receive neither indemnity nor price guarantee.

Bank Base Rates

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ANGLO AMERICAN INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED incorporated in the Republic South Africa)

PREFERÊNCE DIVIDEND Dividend No. 48 of three per cent for the six months ending December 31, 1977, has been declared payable to holders of the six per cent cumulative preference shares who are registered in the books of the company at the close of business on December 23, 1977.

The preference share transfer registers and registers of members will be closed from December 24, 1877, to January 8, 1978. both daws inclusive, and war-

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Foreign Exchange

After its recent there depression, the dollar recorded a modest rally yesterday, partly on technical considerations and book-balancing by dealers ahead of the weekend bankers' meeting in Basie. Trading bankers' meeting in Basie. Trading remained nervous, though some encouragement was drawn. The pound took a firmer line. particularly in mid-session, when micers' leaders amonuted a much more moderate attitude over pay negotiations, and it closed five points better on the day at \$1.8270. The currency basket level rose from 63.1 to 63.3.

Gold gained \$0.75 an ounce to close in London at \$161.375.

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels

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Discount market

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In addition, RP money continued to flow toto the Bank of England, there was a slight net take-up of Treasury bills to Reance and balance were bounder forward in a ances were brought forward in a cun-down state.
Closing rates in the secured market ranged between 6 and 7 per cent, but interbank money commanded 9 per cert. The help was channelled by purchases of a small amount of Treasury bills and a small number of local arthority bills directly from the houses, and by small loons to two or three houses at MLR 17 per cent) until moday.

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New York, Dec 8.—After being higher most of the day, the New York stock market came under heavy selling pressure during the last hour of trading and closed mixed.

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The Dow Jones industrial average, which was up nearly five points at one point, closed down 0.52 point to 806.91.

Advancing issues led decliners throughout trading, with advances outpacing declines by about 730 to about 585. Volume totalled 20,400,000.

Analysis suggest that the early gams were partially attributable to a less than anticipated rise in wholesale prices for November.

However, the report was not so positive that it could support a sustained raily, according to Mr Moste Gordon, director of research at Dreylus Corporation.

Analysis also said that a creeping hervouseess associated with the mosey supply figures may have caused the sell-off.

Gold shares \$3.10 down

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Tokyo, Der 8.—Japanese importers are favourably considering a Zambian request that Japan should advance payment of about \$125m for 100,000 tonnes of copper to be shipped next year, industry sources said.

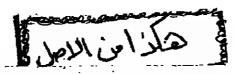
The Japanese importers offered no comment.
Mitsubishi Corporation and Mitsul are importing copper under

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Mitsublishi Corporation and Mitsul are importing copper under a 10-year contract with Nchanga Consolidated Copper Mines and Roan Consolidated Mines, both state-run copper mining-companies. 84'-86 97 85'-77'-119 7''-

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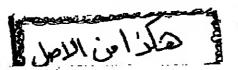
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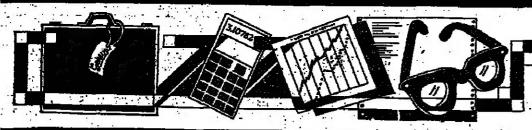
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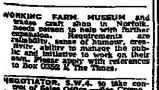
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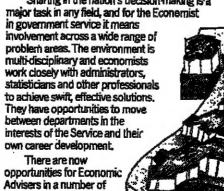
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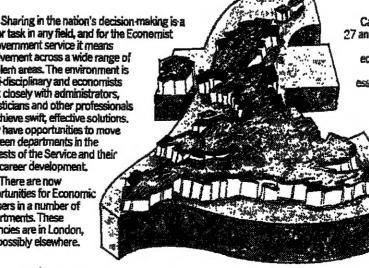
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9.00 News.

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4 6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.90, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Voice of the People: 021 432 5432. 10.00, News. 10.05, Checknoint. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, That Most Despicable. Race. 11.50, No Blandishments for his Excellency. talk by Sir Geoffrey Jackson. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm. You and Yours. 12.27, My Word! 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 130, The Archers. 2 6.00 am, Radio I. 7.02, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing builetin).
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